Exploring Science with Kids

You don’t need to be a science expert to help your child make discoveries about science in the world around you. All you need is an open mind and a willingness to join the exploration. It’s fun and a great way to support your child’s science learning.

Tips for Parents

1. Take time to look, wonder, and try things out together. For example, if your child notices a dripping faucet, an interesting rock, or a weed in the sidewalk, stop to examine it closely.

2. Let your child take the lead in exploring things. Notice what catches your child’s interest. Is it the weed, the crumbling pavement, or the tiny insects nearby?

3. Ask questions to keep the exploration going. You might say, Wow! Did you see...? Listen to the sounds the drops make when they hit the water. I wonder what would happen if...?

4. It’s OK to say, “I don’t know” when your child asks you hard-to-answer questions. You can also say, Maybe we can find out together. Then visit your local library, museum, or zoo and see what new information you can discover.

5. Visit our Web site, peepandthebigwideworld.org, with your child. Watch Peep episodes, play science and math games created especially for young kids, find easy, fun family ideas for exploring everyday science, and much more.