

Online Tools for Accessing Information

For younger kids, check out the stand-alone apps, such as the National Geographic for Kids app. Our district has collected subscriptions to PebbleGo, Tumblebooks, TrueFlix, Grolier, and World Book.

For older kids, check out the video tutorials in Khan Academy (khanacademy.org/), free lectures from dozens of universities, including Yale, MIT, and UC Berkeley at the Open Academy (theopenacademy.com/).

Introduce kids to Google’s advanced search (www.google.com/advanced_search) to narrow results by criteria such as the site on which the information is posted and the date of the most recent update.

Post the three following sites in the room for all to see, add your personal favorites and any more that you discover.

- Askkids.com—Still the best search engine for kids we know of, it practically guarantees a readable level of text and accessible content.
- Squirrelnet.com—A site that lists and details a large group of search engines created with kids in mind. Check it out and choose among them.
- YouTubeforChildren.com —YouTube for kids only, with videos that are age-appropriate for kids.

For a list of apps and websites to support differentiated learning in your classroom, check out <http://teaching.monster.com/benefits/articles/8484-using-technology-to-differentiate-instruction>