

Web Sites For Children That Entertain While They Educate

(NAPSA)—When a cranky 10-year-old whines, “I’m bored,” frazzled parents can send the youngster to Enlighten Me on www.Superpages.com and feel confident that the children are learning while they’re having fun. Fun, educational and safe Internet-based activities will entertain children for hours with unique, interactive online games, mystery stories and puzzles. Created by Verizon SuperPages and FableVision, Enlighten Me: Read, Learn and Explore is a virtual village of fun, challenging and informative activities for children ages 8-13 and is available only at www.superpages.com on the Literacy link.

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The site features a variety of areas that can promote learning in the classroom and at home. Children can use it to send e-cards to their friends, family and teachers, or solve a mind-challenging Peetnik Mystery while exercising logic, problem solving, critical thinking, cooperation, imagina-

tion and creativity.

Parents can get tips for incorporating literacy and technology into family life, expert recommendations for children’s books, information about nationwide literacy programs and interactive Internet Learning instructions.

The site also provides resources for teachers to incorporate literacy and technology into schoolwork. All activities relate to local and national curriculum standards and are grounded in holistic, child-centered educational philosophy. For more information, visit www.superpages.com and click on Literacy, then Enlighten Me.

Online content designed to entertain children can educate as well. Here are a few examples.

SUPERTHINKERS—Provides a treasure trove of books and resources for young people, parents and teachers including titles like “How to Make a Book,” “How to Make a Movie” and “How to Make a Jigsaw Puzzle.”

PEETNIK MYSTERIES—Involves kids in solving fascinating and fun mysteries that engage and challenge their deductive reasoning skills and creativity. Parents will find them challenging too.

THE LIBRARY—Teaches kids how to become an author, find cool new kids’ books or find a library right in their neighborhoods.

VILLAGE NEWS—Provides the latest weather, as well as new stuff about Enlighten Me.

ETRAIN STATION—Provides information about fun attractions, parks and historical landmarks across the U.S.

FORTUNE TELLER—Mystically answers questions voiced by the user.

MENTAL MARKET—Lets kids download free artwork, screensavers, quizzes and tips on how to get involved in the community. Connects older kids and parents to the Internet Learning Tutor so they can learn more about how to use the World Wide Web.

KIDS CAMP—Helps kids explore their own dreams: write a book, make a movie, solve a mystery and so much more.

PTA—Encourages teachers, parents and caregivers to have fun online with their kids with Learn about Literacy Leaders, information about award-winning children’s book authors, and the easy-to-implement SuperThinkers curriculum supplement.

STADIUM—Provides information on local places for sports ranging from skateboarding to fishing to archery.