

Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

Program: *Molly of Denali*

Grade(s): K-3

Ways to watch: [PBS Kids](#); PBS broadcast stations; Streaming services

About: This program shares the stories of Molly, an Alaska Native girl, her dog Suki, and friends Tooeey and Trini on their adventures in epically beautiful Alaska. Along the way, Molly's life is enhanced, kept on track, and flat-out saved by maps, guide books, websites, weather reports, and more.

Primary Connection to the [Vermont Early Learning Standards \(VELS\)](#):

II. Communication and Expression: Language Development

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Goals</i>
1. Speaking and Listening	Children demonstrate an increasing ability to comprehend and participate in collaborative conversations. Their ability to present information and discuss their ideas increases at each grade level.
2. Language	Children demonstrate increasing knowledge and use of the conventions of Standard English and an ability to think about language. They gradually acquire a larger & more complex vocabulary and an understanding of word relationships and the nuances in word meanings.

II. Communication and Expression: Literacy Development

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Goals</i>
2b. Reading Literature	Children demonstrate knowledge of the key ideas and details of stories read to them and which they read, the craft and structure of literature, the ability to integrate knowledge and ideas, and to read a range of text with text complexity appropriate to their grade level.
2c. Reading Informational Text	Children demonstrate knowledge of the key ideas and details of stories read to them and which they read, the craft and structure of informational texts, the ability to integrate knowledge and ideas, and to read a range of text with text complexity appropriate to their grade level.
3. Writing	Children demonstrate their increasing ability to write various types of text for different purposes, organize their writing around a topic, participate and eventually conduct research to gather information to use in their writing about a topic.

Additional VELS' Sections and Domains to Explore with *Molly of Denali*:

III. Learning About the World: Social Studies

Resources: Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *Molly of Denali*.

For Educators:

- [PBS Kids](#) and [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [Molly of Denali – Resources and Episode-Specific Activities](#) (click and scroll down)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

For Families:

- [PBS Parents](#)

You may also be interested in these PBS programs:

- [Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum](#) (Social Studies)
- [Wild Kratts](#) (Science)
- [Odd Squad](#) (Math and Problem Solving)