

Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

Program: *Clifford the Big Red Dog*

Grade(s): PreK-2

Ways to watch: 24/7 streaming, PBS Learning Media Clips, PBS live broadcast

About: *Clifford the Big Red Dog* is designed for children ages 3-7 and is based on the books of the same name. *Clifford the Big Red Dog* uses storytelling to present universal social and emotional messages to young children. These fun-filled episodes follow Clifford and his new pals (both canine and human) as they play, discover and interact with each other and the inhabitants of Birdwell Island, learning that good friends are what life is all about. The stories are fun and kid-relatable — they feature experiences that all kids encounter: being a good friend, helping others and going on adventures! More importantly, though, they learn that the world is out there to be discovered with gusto. Each episode features two 11-minute stories with a curriculum centered on two main concepts that go hand-in-hand (or hand-in-paw):

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

I. Developing Self: Approaches to Learning

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Play and Exploration	1. Children engage in play to understand the world around them.
2. Initiative	1. Children show curiosity about the world around them and take action to interact with it and learn.
3. Problem Solving	1. Children display an interest in novel situations, and demonstrate flexibility, creativity and innovation in solving challenging tasks.

III. Communication and Expression: Literacy Development

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
2b. Reading: Engaging with Literature	1. 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.

Additional VELs' Sections and Domains to Explore with *Clifford the Big Red Dog*:

I. Developing Self: Social and Emotional Learning and Development

Resources: Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *Clifford the Big Red Dog*.

For Educators:

- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

For Families:

- [PBS Parents](#)
- [PBS Kids](#)

You may also be interested in these PBS programs:

1. [Elinor Wonders Why](#)
2. [Let's Go Luna!](#)
3. [PEEP and the Big Wide World](#)