

Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

Program: *PEEP and the Big Wide World*

Grade(s): PreK-K

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

About: *PEEP and the Big Wide World* gives wings to the innovative idea of teaching science and math to preschoolers. Wry and distinctive visual humor, charming plotlines, and lovable characters combine with a comprehensive science program to attract and engage kids three to five years old. Set in and around a pond, a bush, and a tin can, the show follows a newly hatched chicken named Peep, and his friends Chirp and Quack (a robin and a duck), on their daily adventures. Surrounding them is a large urban park — a place of great wonder and mystery, a place they are forever eager to explore, a place they call "the big wide world." Each half-hour episode contains two stories which highlight specific science concepts, plus two live-action shorts presenting real kids playing and experimenting with these concepts in their own big wide worlds.

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

III. Learning About the World: Science

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Physical Sciences	1. Children construct concepts of the properties of matter, sound, motion and energy through exploration and investigations.
2. Life Sciences	1. Children construct concepts about the characteristics of living organisms, their biology and ecosystems through exploration and investigations.
4. Engineering and Design	1. Children design, experiment, construct, alter, and problem solve to modify the natural world and meet their needs and wants.

III. Learning About the World: Social Studies

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Inquiry	1. Children make sense of the world around them by actively gathering and interpreting information.

Additional VELs' Sections and Domains to Explore with *PEEP and the Big Wide World*:

I. Developing Self: Approaches to Learning; III. Learning About the World: Mathematics

Resources: Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *PEEP and the Big Wide World*.

For Educators:

- [PEEP and the Big Wide World: Preschool Educators](#)
- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

For Families:

- [PEEP and the Big Wide World: Parents](#)
- [PEEP and the Big Wide World: Kids](#)

You may also be interested in these PBS programs:

1. [Elinor Wonders Why](#)
2. [Let's Go Luna!](#)
3. [Clifford the Big Red Dog](#)