

Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

Program: *Wild Kratts*

Grade(s): PreK-5

Ways to watch: [PBS Kids](#), Vermont PBS broadcast stations, [PBS Kids app](#), streaming

About: *Wild Kratts* joins the adventures of Chris and Martin Kratt as they encounter incredible wild animals, combining science education with fun and adventure, while traveling to animal habitats around the globe. Each adventure explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a never-before-seen wildlife moment. It's all wrapped up in engaging stories of adventure, mystery, rescue, and the Kratt brothers' brand of laugh-out-loud-comedy that kids love. Focusing on science concepts, *Wild Kratts* teaches viewers natural history and age-appropriate science by building on their natural interest in animals; develops and strengthens basic skills of observation and investigation that children will use increasingly as they continue their study of science; and builds excitement in science that will remain with them throughout their lives. An inquiry-based educational approach, encouraging viewers to ask questions, complete investigations/observations, answer questions, and present results, is modeled by the characters and is central to each and every story.

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

III. Learning about the World: Science

<i>Elements</i>	<i>Goals</i>
1. Physical Sciences	Children construct concepts of the properties of matter, sound, motion and energy through exploration and investigations.
2. Life Sciences	Children construct concepts about the characteristics of living organisms, their biology and ecosystems through exploration and investigations.
3. Earth and Space Sciences	Children construct concepts about Earth's systems, the impacts of human activity on these systems, and Earth's place in the universe through observations, exploration, and investigations.
4. Engineering Design	Children design, experiment, construct, alter, and problem solve to modify the natural world and meet their needs and wants.

Additional VELs' Sections and Domains to Explore with *Wild Kratts*:

- [I. Developing Self](#): Approaches to Learning

Resources: Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *Wild Kratts*.

For Educators:

- [PBS Kids](#) and [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [Wild Kratts – Resources and Episode Specific Activities](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

For Families:

- [PBS Parents](#)
- [COVID Related](#)

You may also be interested in these PBS programs:

- [Hero Elementary](#) (Science; Social and Emotional Skills)
- [Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum](#) (Social Studies)
- [Molly of Denali](#) (Social Studies; Literacy)