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This plan-ahead guide for PreK-5 educators helps you plan lessons around a variety of themes over the next eight weeks. It connects to our Learn Along Bingo packets, available in English and Spanish, which include printable activities should your students not have internet access. The broadcast content outlined here connects to the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, available on most cable and streaming services like Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire. You can also stream directly from the PBS KIDS Video app, and many of the full episodes will be available on demand during the broadcast window. You can find the entire PBS KIDS 24/7 broadcast schedule here if you're interested in planning lessons around other PBS KIDS shows.

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SEPT. 21 Weather	Science	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** PEEP AND THE BIG WIDE WORLD, Stormy Weather Tuesday, 9/22, 7:30AM ET **Online:** PEEP AND THE BIG WIDE WORLD, Stormy Weather	Explore stormy weather with PEEP, as well as other weather phenomena. Collections include activities for students and teaching tips for educators.	Are your students obsessed with severe weather? This collection explores blizzards, floods, thunder and wind. You'll find a fun cloud activity here, and Sesame Street weather tracker here. For younger students who shudder at thunder, turn to none other than Daniel Tiger for a song, and additional lessons. Finally, click here to learn more about PEEP and the Big Wide World's professional learning opportunities for educators of young children.
	Science	1-2	**Broadcast:** ODD SQUAD, Not So Splash, Tuesday, 9/22 1:30PM ET **Online:** ODD SQUAD, Not so Splash	In addition to a comprehensive "what is weather" lesson plan, find the entire Odd Squad Collection here, including classroom activities.	This Wild Kratts activity will help your students learn to read a thermometer and compare temperatures using basic math skills. Also, check out this fun activity to make a bottle thermometer.
	Science	3-5	**Online:** Scientist Profile: Meteorologist	Kid Meteorologist: In this adapted video segment from ZOOM, one student describes how her interest in observing the weather led her to volunteer at a local weather center where she gains hands-on experience with weather instruments and learns from a practicing meteorologist how weather forecasts are made. Follow up with background reading and discussion questions.	This lesson plan uses weather data to develop an understanding that weather patterns vary seasonally and at different locations. Your students will love saving the fidgets from flood, in this fun Design Squad game which can be played in teams or as individuals.

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SEPT. 28 Caring For Each Other	SEL	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, Thank You, Grandpere Tiger!/ Neighborhood Thank You Day, Tuesday, 9/29, 4:30PM ET **Online:** You can find many DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD episodes on the PBS KIDS Video App	There are so many ways to say thank you with Daniel and show that you care for others. Sing the Thank You Song, play a game to learn more about classroom helpers, and use this coloring sheet to help your students say "Thank You" to someone they care about.	How do we show care for others? Enjoy a blog post about the Power of Listening and get tips for how to help your students start meaningful conversations with their family. Also, using this activity, help your students create appreciation cards for the special people in their lives. Also, don't miss Sesame Street's printable Thankful Time Notes. Cookie Monster is thankful for...Cookies (and you.)
	SEL	1-2	**Broadcast:** XAVIER RIDDLE AND THE SECRET MUSEUM, I am Florence Nightingale/I am George Washington Carver, Tuesday, 9/29, 7PM ET **Online:** XAVIER RIDDLE AND THE SECRET MUSEUM, I am Florence Nightingale/ George Washington Carver	Learn about George Washington Carver with this video clip, printable biosketch reader, and support materials. Also, kids can be their own heroes with this super cool hidden heroes hero maker game.	This one hour professional develoPMent video provides tips on how you can help your students practice mindfulness. Tally Ho! Inspired by NATURE CAT, in this activity, children will explore cause and effect relationships and what plants need to grow and thrive. Children will be challenged to create projects in PBS KIDS ScratchJr where they make their own plants and trees grow in a digital garden.
	SEL	3-5	**Online:** ARTHUR on Racism: Talk, Listen, and Act	You'll find a few handouts and teaching tips here, as well as tips from Arthur on how to make your classroom a safe space.	As educators, we encourage you to read this blog—10 tips on how to talk to students about race and racism—and watch this episode of our Tools for Anti-Racist Teaching series, designed specifically for educators of young learners.

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OCT. 5 **Let's Build**	Math	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT, Termite Towers, Tuesday, 10/6, 11AM ET **Online:** THE CAT IN THE HAT, Secret of a Good Tower (video clip)	In addition to watching the short clip, students can play the Sketch-a-Mite Game where they can build their own termite tower!	Termites are industrious: here your students will learn more about the structural integrity of a termite nest. They can then test their own building skills with Ruff Ruffman and this tower building activity which explores structural science. And don't forget to measure those towers with this great lesson plan to help teach young learners how to measure. Looking for a great activity your student can share with a parent or family member? Why not suggest they build a worm hole with the Wild Kratts?
	Science	1-2	**Broadcast:** READY JET GO!, Sean's Robotic Arm, Tuesday, 10/6, 12:30PM ET **Online:** READY JET GO!, Sean's Robotic Arm	In this activity from Ready Jet Go!, your students will use their engineering know-how to build a robotic arm with help from Jet.	Let the Cat in the Hat lead your students through the Engineering Design Process, as you challenge them to use their "building brains" to design some amazing creations in this collaborative Daring Design Challenge.
	Science	3-5	**Online:** What Is the Engineering Design Process?	Watch your students become global designers in just six weeks, using the Design Squad's 6-Week DSG Club Guide. This guide takes you through the process of running a 6-week version of the club, which includes a welcome session, 4 hands-on activity sessions, and a party to celebrate at the end as well as optional bonus activities.	Explore the possibility of 'what if engineering disappeared for a day?' with background reading for teachers and discussion questions for students.

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OCT. 12 **Being Kind and Just**	SEL	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, King Daniel for the Day, Tuesday, October 13th, 4:30PM EDT **Online:** DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, King Daniel for the Day (video clip)	The entire Daniel Tiger collection is filled with hundreds of resources to develop social and emotional learning. Want to read a Daniel Tiger story together? Click here for six different stories--perfect for virtual story time.	Read a blog sharing tips on how to teach kindness and have your students watch a video on sharing. Explore this kindness curriculum to find ideas about how to build kindness into your classroom practice. Finally, why not build a kindness tree with Arthur and your young learners.
	Social Studies	1-2	**Broadcast:** ARTHUR, The Last Tough Customer/ Brain's Chess Mess, Tuesday, 10/13, 1PM ET **Online:** ARTHUR, Taking Sides (video clip)	There are so many great resources to be found in the Arthur collection: filled with videos, lessons and activities. Also, don't miss the AIM Buddy project: a supplemental social, emotional, and character develoPMent curriculum that uses interactive media, the characters from the PBS series ARTHUR, and cross-grade buddy pairs.	Play kind acts bingo with your students and discover a blog post on how ARTHUR has been educating your hearts and minds by using SEL.
	Social Studies	3-5	**Online:** Young Peace Leaders: Cultivating Empathy	In this lesson, students watch a video that explores how a Native American saying, "walk a mile in someone else's moccasins," relates to the practice of empathy. As a class and in small groups, students examine a well-known fairy tale, Cinderella, to try to "walk a mile" in the shoes of each character.	Check out this blog post on how to create a community within your classroom. Also, here's a professional develoPMent video for teachers on how to introduce your students to their community.

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OCT. 19 Celebrating Fall	Science	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** ELINOR WONDERS WHY, Pokey Plant, Tuesday, 10/20, 3:30PM ET **Online:** ELINOR WONDERS WHY is new! Find all the latest episodes and videos here on PBSKIDS.org	We're thrilled to introduce you and your students to Elinor and her friends. Find the entire (very extensive) collection of educator resources here. This outdoor lesson is especially fun for helping students explore the outdoors this Fall.	Ready to talk about autumn? This leaf game from Daniel Tiger turns the changing of the seasons into a fun learning activity. Use this fun and easy activity to talk about the Fall Equinox, and other seasons. Celebrate everything autumn with this fun, printable Sesame Street "hay" maze, and share a little bit of spooooky fun with this Halloween math lesson from Peg + Cat.
	Science	1-2	**Broadcast:** "NATURE CAT, Where Have All the Butterflies Gone?!/ For the Birdies!", Tuesday, October 20th, 12PM EDT **Online:** NATURE CAT, Love Ya, Birdies! (video clip)	The entire Nature Cat collection has dozens of activities for exploring and learning about nature. We love this DIY Bird Journal that kids can use to observe all the little birdies in their neighborhood.	Your students can make their own bird feeder with this activity or design their own plant superhero. Also, don't forget to check out leaves. This resource gives helpful hints about how to help your students make the most of their observations. If you're looking for fun and educational autumn activities, don't miss our Celebrating Fall and Halloween collections. This great game from Cat in The Hat not only challenges kids to a corn maze, but challenges them to make their own maze, and then test it out.
	Science	3-5	**Online:** Take a field trip to Ohio to see the leaves! Know Ohio | Fall Foliage (video clip)	This lesson plan includes an interactive lesson in which students gather evidence so they can investigate how daily weather and seasonal weather are related.	Explore an interactive module that details why we have seasons, and a celebrating fall collection with videos and more. This witchy word mining game adds a little Halloween fun to your language lessons.

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OCT. 26 Let's Vote	Social Studies / Literacy	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, The Neighborhood Votes/The Class Votes, Tuesday, 10/27, 4:30PM ET **Online:** DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD, The Neighborhood Votes/The Class Votes (video clips)	Ready to talk about voting? This great activity helps children understand the concept, and helps them through the feelings of winning and losing.	What does it mean to vote? In this Sesame Street clip, the word on the Street is vote! Here, Queen Sara explains voting, and in this clip your students can learn more about how grown ups vote!
	Social Studies	1-2	**Broadcast:** ARTHUR, The Election, Tuesday, 10/27, 1PM ET **Online:** ARTHUR, Speak Up, Francine (video clip)	No one is too young to learn about civics. Check out this great handout and book list.	Explore what it means to be a U.S. citizen while maintaining one's own ethnic identity using this video from the PBS KIDS series ARTHUR.
	Social Studies	3-5	**Online:** Children's Perspective: And Then They Came For Us	In this lesson, students reflect on their own identities and family histories to build empathy and better understand their own experiences.	In this previously recorded one-hour professional learning event, you'll meet Karen Korematsu, and discuss helping students to use credible primary sources to analyze perspective. This activity provides a job description for the presidency so students understand what kinds of skills and competencies are necessary in that office.

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NOV. 2 **Family Storytelling**	Social Studies / Literacy	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** LET'S GO LUNA, Day of the Dead, 11/3, 10AM ET **Online:** LET'S GO LUNA, Day of the Dead: Clip 1, Clip 2, Clip 3	Sing-a-long with Luna as we laugh at our fears! Also, here's a great way to pass along family stories: recipes! Use these recipe cards as a storytelling activity.	Read a blog about the history of Dia de los Muertos and a professional learning video that can help your little learners develop global awareness. Check out this super fun and furry story telling activity which helps children use their imagination to tell a story about a hamster!
	Social Studies / Literacy	1-2	**Broadcast:** MOLLY OF DENALI, Grandpa's Drum, 11/3, 2:30PM ET **Online:** MOLLY OF DENALI, Grandpa's Drum	This groundbreaking episode of Molly of Denali explores identity, family and tradition.You'll find teaching tips, viewing guides and background reading in the Grandpa's Drum resource page.	Read a blog about how to engage early learners using media. Get crafty with this Sesame Street Color and Make a Story!
	Social Studies / Literacy	3-5	**Online:** Ma Family History | Faces of America	These support materials include discussion questions which will help students build empathy as they listen to the family stories of others, in this case Yo-Yo Ma.	This previously recorded one-hour professional learning video provides strategies on how to elevate students' voices. And, in this lesson (one of four) students discuss elements of a good story, consider the oral tradition of storytelling, and compare and contrast stories from two different cultural traditions.

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NOV. 9 **Shapes**	Math	PreK-K	**Broadcast:** THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT, Building Bridges, Tuesday, 11/10, 11AM ET **Online:** THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT, Building Bridges	Get your students ready for the ride of their life, on the Thinga-Ma-Jigger to learn about building bridges! They can also work together or independently to build bridges online in this fun game!	It's time for shapes! This collection is filled with simple and fun activities and games, perfect for home, the classroom, or out and about. Students learn shadow shapes in this PEEP and the Big Wide World activity.
	Math	1-2	**Broadcast:** ODD SQUAD, Crime at Shapely Manor, Tuesday, 11/10, 1:30PM ET **Online:** ODD SQUAD, Crime at Shapely Manor	The Odd Squad needs your students' help on a case that requires geometry skills. Calling Odd Squad! Common Chris is on his way and all common shapes are at risk! Can your students come to the rescue?	Your students will learn math concepts like geometry, 2D and 3D shapes and science skills like engineering and technology with this activity from Ruff Ruffman. Peg + Cat love to solve problems! In this activity they look at Shapes and Their Attributes.
	Math	3-5	**Online:** ArtQuest: Geometric and Organic Shapes in Architecture	Here you'll find a lesson plan, and sculpture activity tying geometry to art!	This Geometric Shapes lesson plan will help your students demonstrate their understanding of shapes. And here, you'll find Varieties of Quadrilaterals, where students learn to classify quadrilaterals, including trapezoids and different types of parallelograms.