

## Engage preschoolers in STEM activities with

# **PEEP** and the Big Wide World<sup>™</sup>

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## Today's Agenda

- Overview of the *PEEP* multimedia project
- Educational outreach opportunities
- Let's Explore Plants
- Your questions

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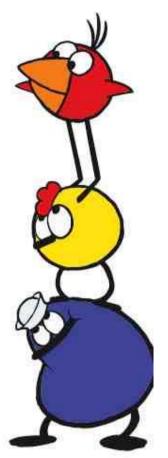




- Proven record of advancing PreK science and math education
- 1st media project to feature exploration-based science and math curriculum for PreK
- One of only a few series to win Emmy in first season

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 Uniquely offers both English and Spanish educational resources





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### **PEEP's goals**



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- Model inquiry process skills
  - Encourage parents and caregivers to support children's hands-on science and math explorations
  - Provide resources for partner organizations like Head Start, NEA, and Child Care Aware (formerly NACCRRA)

#### **The Broadcast**



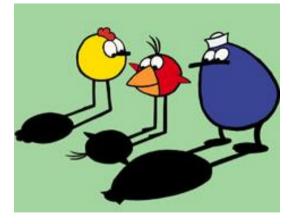
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- Half hour format
  - 2 animated stories followed by related live action segments
  - Uniquely blends story with science and math content; not didactic
- Joan Cusack narrates



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#### To date, we have created:



- 110 animated stories
- 110 live-action segments
- 15 online games

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 97 offline "Anywhere Science and Math" activities





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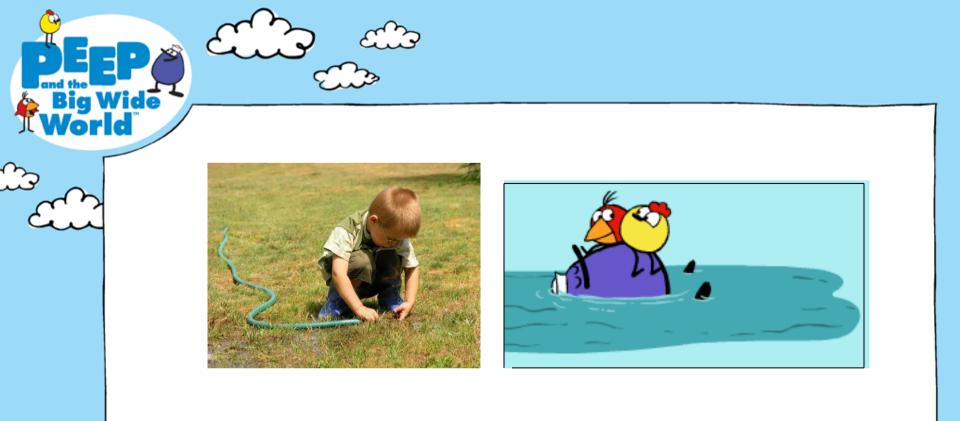
## Millions of 3- to 5-year olds impacted by:



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- Viewing the series
- Doing science activities in PreK classrooms, libraries, museums, or at home
- Visiting Website with parents





#### "Anywhere Science and Math"



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#### Measurable impact on kids

Children exposed to *Peep* demonstrated science inquiry skills not seen in the control group including:

- Initiating predictions
- Making observations

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 Applying problemsolving strategies and successfully solving problems







#### Impact on teachers:

- Teachers became **more involved over time** with each topic
- Reported **more confidence** leading science inquiry
- Taught **math** more frequently during the science activity
- Asked children more openended questions

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Used video with intentionality







#### **Educational outreach targets**





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- Early childhood educators
  - @ camps, museums, and libraries
  - in classrooms
  - center and family based daycare
- Parents
  - Spanish speakers



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#### Family activity and book suggestions

English | Español

#### **A**Translated episodes play full-screen



## Explorer's Guide at peepandthebigwideworld.org/resources

#### PEEP Explorer's Guide

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The PEEP and the Big Wole World Explorer's Guide, designed for early childhood diaseroom, invites children and backhers to explore science in the world around blem. Six utils for hand-on exploresizations that lead to inch science learning as well as lots of fux. Each unit features an arrinated PEEP short and related bus devices in both English and Sparsh. Family Science letters — also in English and Sparsh encourage femilies to continue the exploration for the science and the encourage femilies to continue the exploration and sparsh encourage femilies to continue the exploration and learning at home.

PDF files can be viewed and printed using the free Adobe Reader.)

Introduction - 4000 PDF Welcome to the PEEP Explorer's Guide. Includes a list of contents are related online videos.

Preschool Science: The PEEP Approach – 47980 PDF Learn about the PEEP approach to preschool science. Learn about related resources

Explore Shadows Outdoors, make shadows in the surlight. Indoors, explore shadows with lamps and flashights. View the featured PEEP story and related live-action videos in English or Spanish.

Explore Water Indone, use the water table to discover how water moves and the ways objects behave in water. Outdoors, explore puddles, ninforopi, and waterways. New the featured PEEP story and nelated inve-action videos in English or Specials.

Explore Plants Indoors, plant seeds and builts and track their growth. Outdoors, observe the trees and plants growing nearby. View the featured PEEP story and related live-action videos in English or Spanish.

Explore Color Indons, mix and sort colors. Outdoors, observe colors in nature and explore colored light. View the featured PEEP story and related live-action videos in English or Spanish.

Explore Sound Indoors, explore sounds you can make with your body and voice, then shake, tap, and pluck various objects. Outdoors, take a Listening Walk and imitate the sounds you hear. New the featured PEEP story and related live-action videos in English or Spanish.

Explore Remos Outdoors, explore slides and hills and discover the best surfaces for rolling. Indoors, experiment with ramps and explore the movement o objects that slide and roll. View the featured PED story and related live-action video in English or Spanish.

amily Science Latters - 2.048 POF hare simple ideas for science play at home, along with recommended ooks and online activities. The letters are provided in both English and panish

- 6 thematic units for exploring science
- Online videos (fullscreen; English and Spanish)
- Family take-homes about science (English/Spanish)



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### Let's Explore:

Activity from Plants Unit

- Learning across domains
- Challenge: sort seeds in as many different ways as you can







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### **Sneak Peek:**

#### PEEP's World/El Mundo de PEEP

Website becomes a Digital Hub in both English and Spanish

- Playlists for kids and families
- Professional development for family childcare **and** center-based educators



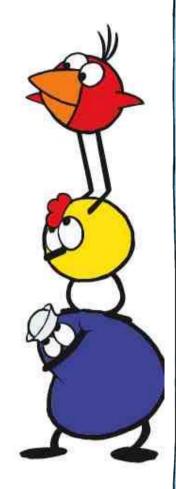
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