



Media STEPs for Learning

Media STEPs in the PreK-3 Classroom



SELECT

Select content that directly connects to your lesson. Media is an effective way to demonstrate new concepts and to reinforce learning.

- Choose short specific clips that relate to your topic rather than full-length programs.
- Use media that represents diversity and inclusion.
- Introduce digital games that require students to practice and master skills to advance.



TALK

Talk with students about what they see and hear. Students will pick up on different things so be sure to discuss each piece of media as a group to clarify and share information.

- Ask open-ended questions, before, during and after media use.
- Provide discussion prompts, verbal or written, to focus on key information.
- Share resources and tips with parents to keep the discussion going at home.



EXAMINE

Examine concepts in multiple ways. Media is more than videos and digital games. Be sure to provide multi-modal learning opportunities.

- Use books, maps, art and everyday items to explore the concepts and information in games and videos.
- Follow the inquiry process. Have students question, plan, create, test and improve their ideas or projects.
- Integrate media in different ways - in pairs, with small groups, or with the whole class as appropriate.



PRACTICE

Practice the skills demonstrated in each media selection. Hands-on activities and real-world application help students connect new learning to their own lives and communities.

- Inspire students to create...art, text, video, etc. to demonstrate their understanding.
- Provide take-home activities for students to showcase their new skills with their families.
- Take a field trip or a nature walk to practice skills in new settings.

Media STEPs in Action!

Visit Thinkport.org/medialiteracy to find resources, activities, and online courses to support learning at home or in the classroom.

