

Help your kids learn...  
by watching **TV**?

Learning **Park**<sup>SM</sup>

## The Learning Park television series

- together with guides on educational topics, an interactive web site, and the Community Classroom - helps you to...

- See how your child is being taught
- Find out how parents can get involved
- Improve communication with teachers
- Discover what's working in today's classrooms

## What is Learning Park?

We know as a parent that you want to make informed decisions about your child's education. Sometimes there is either too little or too much information on issues that are important to you. We're trying to make your job easier by focusing on issues that you want to know about. Learning Park is a resource for information on what works in education today.

Too often, schools are covered by the media only when things go wrong. The Learning Park television program **focuses on the positive**, highlighting various success stories in Twin Cities schools. It also takes advantage of studio discussions to educate the general public about parents' and teachers' critical roles.

**More than just a TV show...** Learning Park also includes a web site, electronic bulletin board, topic guides on a variety of classroom subjects, and a series of Community Classrooms, where parents, teachers, and community organizations can explore the issues facing today's students. As a parent, Learning Park helps you...

- **See what's happening in local Twin Cities schools.** Learning Park lets you peek inside local classrooms, so you can see how your child is being taught... and how your child could be taught.
- **Help your child succeed in the classroom.** Not all students learn the same way. Discover the different modes of learning, and see which techniques might work best for your own child.
- **Communicate with teachers.** Learn how to get the most out of your parent-teacher conferences. Learning Park will give you tips on how to deal with homework

assignments, student achievement, and setting reasonable expectations for yourself, your child, and your child's teacher.

- **Communicate with other parents.** Use the web site's bulletin board to share your own experience and find out what's working for parents like you — and what's not.
- **Get involved.** Parents have a huge impact not just on their own children's education, but on schools in general. Learning Park prepares you for the challenges of working with kids, and shows what a difference parents' contributions make.
- **Find answers to questions that are important to you.** You know your kids need computer skills to succeed in a 21st century workplace, and you'd like to learn more yourself. So how do you make your household computer-literate? Try out our web site. With technologies such as interactive message boards, you'll be able to share ideas with other parents who have similar concerns. And don't worry; the site's easy to explore, even if you've never surfed before.
- **Overcome obstacles to learning.** Maybe you'd like a handy education resource to turn to when you have questions, but life is too hectic to know where to begin to search for answers. You can access Learning Park on your computer 24 hours a day from your home, or even when you're working or visiting a public library. It's available and convenient whenever you're ready to log on.
- **Shape the program to fit your needs.** Television is not a one-way medium. The content of future episodes depends on your feedback. From roundtable discussions on the show, to an electronic bulletin board, to Community Classrooms, we make it easy to participate.

It's easy to get involved in Learning Park!

## Watch Learning Park TV

For schedule information, call viewer services at (651) 229-1330, or visit the Learning Park web site at [www.tpt.org/learningpark/index.html](http://www.tpt.org/learningpark/index.html)

Learning Park TV focuses on what really works, in actual Twin Cities classrooms — and how parents become a key

ingredient of that success. We know that parents don't just care about their kids' education, they know more about their children than anyone else. That's why Learning Park TV includes parents in nearly every segment of the show. These programs feature:

- **Education success stories** from local Twin Cities classrooms. Segments cover a wide range of grade levels and subject areas.
- **Hot education issues** like responsive classrooms and year-round schooling.
- **Roundtable discussions** that include both parents and teachers.
- **Nontraditional and interdisciplinary teaching techniques** that improve basic skills and test scores.
- **Concrete, easy-to-implement ideas**, such as how to get the most out of a parent-teacher conference, and how to stay in contact with your child's teacher.

## Read the Topic Guides

Visit the Learning Park web site at [www.tpt.org](http://www.tpt.org)

Learning Park provides topic guides covering a variety of teaching subjects in greater depth. Each guide contains practical information for parents and teachers on best practices and big educational issues. You will find:

- **An explanation of each subject** including what it is, how it works and why it works, presented in an easy-to-read format.
- **Practical tips** on implementing these ideas and techniques in the classroom and in the home.
- **Reflective questions** for parents and teachers.
- **Lists of resources** for further information.

*Miss an episode, or want to catch up on last season? Just check out the web site...*

## Visit the Learning Park Web Site

[www.tpt.org/learningpark/index.html](http://www.tpt.org/learningpark/index.html)

The Learning Park web site is an accessible, easy-to-use resource for parents and teachers. It is both a source of information and a space for interaction. On the web site, you can find:

- **Episodes** available for online viewing.
- **Links** to online resources on the topics covered in each episode.
- **Guides** to accompany PBS programming.
- **Announcements** for workshops and television series of interest to parents and educators.

## Share Ideas on the Bulletin Board

[www.tpt.org/learningpark/think.html](http://www.tpt.org/learningpark/think.html)

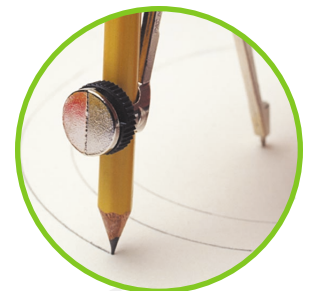
Located on the Learning Park web site, the bulletin board system includes both a general discussion area and specific sections for each episode. Parents and teachers can use the on-site bulletin board to...

- **Discuss** the issues raised by the television show.
- **Share** information and firsthand experience while building understanding.
- **Build** a digital community of involved participants that expands naturally into the "real world".

## Take Part in the Community Classroom

Sponsored by the Richard R. Green Institute for Teaching and Learning at Augsburg College, these meetings foster active dialogue and community involvement. Discussion is open to the public, so that anyone can participate in the dialogue. The Community Classroom project...

- **Brings** together teachers, parents, and participants from higher education, technology, and community organizations.
- **Uses** the television series as a springboard to discuss a broad range of educational issues.
- **Helps** families and teachers work cooperatively.



For additional information on Community Classroom, including a schedule of upcoming meetings, contact Dr. Gail Nordmoe at (612) 330-1654 or email her at [nordmoe@augsborg.edu](mailto:nordmoe@augsborg.edu).

## Who We Are

Learning Park is a partnership between Twin Cities Public Television and the Richard R. Green Institute for Teaching and Learning at Augsburg College.

**Twin Cities Public Television** improves our community and enriches people's lives through the power of television and emerging media technologies.

Recognizing urban schools' diversity as a source of strength, the **Richard R. Green Institute at Augsburg College** believes that Twin Cities schools can achieve globally competitive results. This non-profit partnership works to improve the quality of urban education through teacher training, increased use of technology, and partnerships with business, government, community, and educational institutions.

Learning Park is also a community, one whose success depends on the involvement of parents like you. Have a suggestion? Want to get involved? Call us at (651) 229-1333 or email [learningpark@tpt.org](mailto:learningpark@tpt.org).

## Themes and Subjects

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### CREATING A HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Recognizing a Good Classroom & School  
Learning Styles  
Discipline  
Homework

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERACTION

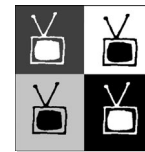
Time Management  
Teacher-Parent Conference  
Community Participation

### MARKING ACHIEVEMENT

Readiness  
Student Portfolios  
Tests and Measures

### THE NEW GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Inclusive Curriculum  
Revisit Multi-Lingual Teaching and Learning



Television Race Initiative



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