

December Highlights



NH schools get free PD – Schedule today!

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Winter Holiday Celebrations

Find timely resources for all grade levels for each of these celebrations in their channels. Sign in to DE and select the link to explore.

- [Celebrations of Light Around the World](#) (3-8)
- [Sentence Fix-It: December Holidays](#) (K-2)
- Hanukkah [K-2](#) | [3-5](#) | [6-8](#) | [K-12 Channel](#)
- Christmas [K-2](#) | [3-5](#) | [6-8](#) | [K-12 Channel](#)
- Kwanzaa [K-2](#) | [3-5](#) | [6-8](#) | [K-12 Channel](#)

Timely Celebrations

- [World Soil Day](#) (12/5): Explore dynamic changes to the surface of Earth and the development of one of Earth's most precious resources: soil.
- [Hour of Code/Computer Education Week](#) (12/6-12/12): Computer programming, often called coding, is the process of entering a sequence of instructions to command a computer to complete a specific task.
- [Pearl Harbor](#) (12/7): Explore the events surrounding the Battle of Pearl Harbor and the loss of more than 2,000 lives on December 7, 1941.
- [Genocide Prevention Day](#) (12/9): USC Shoah Foundation - The Institute for Visual History and Education is dedicated to making audio-visual interviews with survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides a compelling voice for education and action.
- [International Mountain Day](#) (12/11): Witness how Earth changes—all around you, and all the time!
- [Wright Brothers Day](#) (12/17): Learn about the contributions of the Wright brothers to the field of aviation.
- [First Day of Winter](#) (12/21): Discover a collection of videos, images, songs, and writing prompts that explore the science behind the seasons and their environmental effects.



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Ready-To-Use Activities

Explore ready-to-use activities to use this month that provide students with opportunities to explore their curiosity around a variety of topics in our [Instructional Activities Channel](#).

[PL Resource of the Month:](#) [Self-Paced Interactive Courses](#)

Explore how to find resources and strategies, manage assignments, create checks for understanding in Quiz, and design digital lessons with Studio. You can earn a certificate at the end to submit for credit!



 SOS Instructional Strategy

Did You Hear That?

[Strategy of the Month: Did You Hear That?](#)

Get Listening! The SOS Instructional Strategy, Did You hear That?, encourages students to use mental images they create to write a paragraph or short story after listening to a handful of sound effects. View all strategies in the [SOS Channel](#).

[Feature of the Month: Collaborative Studio Boards](#)

Did you know you can create a Studio board template and then assign it to groups of students? They can then all work on the board together for a collaborative project!



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[News and Current Events](#) (All Grades)

Follow emerging stories from around the globe and consider in-depth features on politics, conflicts, sports, the environment, health, technology, and more. Discovery Education offers daily news and current events from Newsy and Science News for Students. Weekly episodes of CheddarK-12 Tech and Business News are released each Thursday for middle and high school students.

[Financial Literacy](#) (All Grades)

Venture into the world of money management, from counting your coins to investing in your future. Everyone needs money to live and reach their goals. Understanding good financial choices and the tools available to help you manage your money will make you a wise consumer and help you achieve your dreams.



[Young Scientist Lab](#) (All Grades)

The Young Scientist Lab was created to foster a new generation of scientists who are inspired to improve the world with science. For teachers, students, and parents seeking a place to explore the world of scientific innovation and opportunities, Discovery Education and 3M developed this interactive portal filled with engaging activities and standards-aligned teaching tools.

[Wellness](#) (All Grades)

Learn about the holistic integration of the eight dimensions of wellness: emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual, and find resources to support conversations in the classroom about wellness.



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Grades PreK - 2 Recommended Resources:

- [Literacy: Vocabulary Development](#) – Find a variety of resources to support students in developing a robust vocabulary in their everyday lessons.
- [Math: Visual Classroom](#) – This series, available in English and Spanish, provides a simple and straightforward approach helping elementary school students to learn math concepts, as well as the related vocabulary.
- [Science: Interactives](#) – Ignite curiosity with this collection of science interactives. Grow a virtual garden, examine energy transfer during a roller coaster ride, simulate the formation of the solar system, discover what daisies and frogs have in common, and so much more.
- [Social Studies: Animated Hero Classics](#) – Explore this series of biographies of scientists, inventors, explorers, and social champions from around Europe, North America, and the Middle East.
- [Health & Wellness: Inner Explorer](#) – Experience Inner Explorer's mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) program through a series of audio-guided meditation practices.

Grades 3-5 Recommended Resources:

- [Literacy: Fable Cottage](#) – Explore a collection of traditional stories lovingly retold in modern language. Each story is available in video, text, and audiobook formats.
- [Math: Money](#) – Help students understand the important roles of money in their every day lives.
- [Science: Visual Classroom](#) – This series, available in English and Spanish, provides a simple and straightforward approach helping elementary school students to learn science concepts, as well as the related vocabulary.
- [Social Studies: Explorers](#) – Explore a variety of resources to help students understand the impact expeditions have had on history and changed the way we view the world.
- [Health & Wellness: Discover Your Happy](#) – This channel provides science-based tools for educators, students, and parents to show how happiness can be achieved through learnable skills and practices.



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Grades 6 – 8 Recommended Resources:

- [Literacy: Audiobooks](#) – Spark student’s imagination and explore the full collection of from classic children’s stories and fairy tales, to science fiction and famous poetry, to modern young adult favorite.
- [Math: Interactives](#) – Engage in real-world math problems with this collection. Customize race cars using expressions, defend yourself from an army of skeletons using absolute values, and more!
- [Science: STEM Careers](#) – Learn about fascinating STEM careers through a variety of resources including career profiles, student activations, challenges, classroom activities, virtual field trips, and more.
- [Social Studies: BESE](#) – Explore this digital news platform which reconstructs and recontextualizes narratives around how young people connect to today’s America.
- [Health & Wellness: Prevent Bullying](#) – Explore content that helps students understand what bullying is, provides strategies to stop the behavior, and teaches how to be socially responsible.

Grades 9 – 12 Recommended Resources:

- [Composition: Research](#) – Explore the steps involved in researching a topic and writing about it. When people do research, they start by asking questions about a topic. They read books and articles, visit Web sites, and check other informational sources to try to find facts that answer their questions. Then they write about what they learned!
- [Math: Pathway to Financial Success](#) – Explore this comprehensive curriculum enhanced by videos, self-paced modules, and cross-curricular activities. Family extensions are available to keep the conversation going at home!
- [Science: Seeker](#) – This series inspires a generation to inquire, interact, and get involved with science. Each episode is dedicated to fostering excitement and curiosity in students.
- [Social Studies: Stuff You Missed in History Class Podcast](#) – Join history buffs Holly and Tracy as they uncover extraordinary details about lesser-known and misremembered people, far off places, and the most fascinating events throughout history.
- [Health & Wellness: Operation Prevention](#) – Explore engaging tools that are aligned to national health and science standards and integrate seamlessly into classroom instruction. Through a series of hands-on investigations, students are introduced to the science behind opioids and their impact on the brain and body.



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Career & Workplace Skills

Each month, these channels are refreshed with trending topics and new content. Be sure to check back each month for new and exciting content!

- [Education](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Environmental Occupations](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Human Services](#)
- [Marketing & Sales](#)
- [Mechanics](#)
- [Media & Arts](#)
- [Personal and Building Services](#)
- [Production Occupations](#)
- [Professional Specialty Occupations](#)
- [Scientific Occupations](#)
- [STEM Careers](#)
- [Technical and Related Occupations](#)
- [Transportation and Material Moving Occupations](#)
- [Workplace Skills](#)



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