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'All kinds of awesome kids, one awesome country!'

Dear Educators,

America's 250th birthday is a great opportunity to learn about the diverse backgrounds and experiences of our fellow Americans and appreciate what we have in common – no matter what state we call home.

Explore the country this summer with fresh PBS KIDS content for little learners, including:

- [America's Awesome Kids](#), a series featuring real kiddos sharing about their lives in different states
- The new series from *City Island* exploring U.S. landmarks.
- A family recipe from *Phoebe & Jay*
- A beachy story to share together

Happy exploring!



Your partner in early learning,
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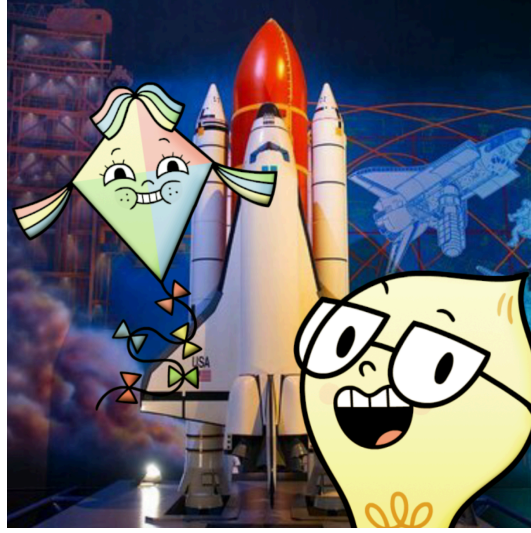
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America's Awesome Kids

Learn about the lives of kids from across the United States in the new series *America's Awesome Kids*. Mahry in Iowa helps at her family's llama farm. Patrick from Utah explores the outdoors and mentors preschoolers. And in Wisconsin, Marie celebrates her Native heritage by Jingle Dress dancing at a powwow. Watch anytime on PBS KIDS or the PBS KIDS Video app.

Meet Marie



City Island U.S.A.

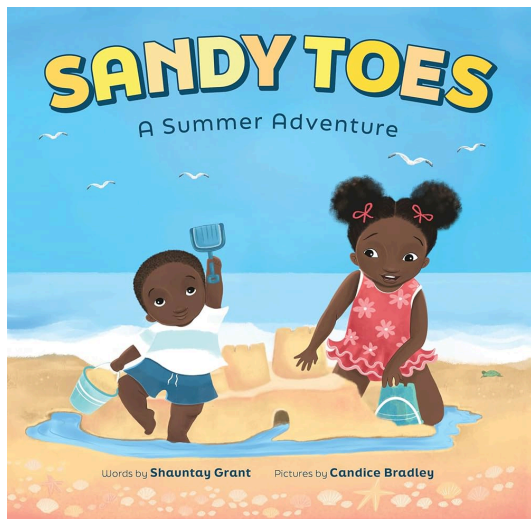
The PBS KIDS series *City Island* teaches about community and civics through everyday objects that come to life. In a new series of shorts, Watt the lightbulb and Windy the kite leave the island and head to the United States where they meet and learn about landmarks like the Alamo and the Hoover Dam. Explore landmarks in your hometown with a [Watt and Windy coloring page](#).

Watch now!



Make Grandma Annie's greens

Many families and communities share their history and culture through food! Join Phoebe and Jay to make Grandma Annie's Sunday greens. It's a great way to spark conversations



Summer stories

Sand and sunscreen, water and waves. There's a lot to explore at the beach! Celebrate summer joy with this reading of *Sandy Toes: A Summer Adventure*, written by Shauntay Grant and

about family traditions and history.
Plus, it's a tasty lesson in how to read
and follow a recipe.

Get cooking

illustrated by Candice Bradley. Explore
a [collection of read-alongs](#) to boost
summer reading and find activities to
pair with each book.

Share a story



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