



## Information Portals on Infotopia

<https://www.infotopia.info/portals.html>

Information portals are doorways to many resources and may search many resources at the same time. Some of our favorite information portals include the following:

### SurfNetKids

<https://www.surfnetkids.com/>

### Awesome Library

<https://www.awesomelibrary.org/>

### Virtual LRC

<https://www.virtuallrc.com/>

### Digital Public Library of America

<https://dp.la/>

Of course, **Infotopia** is an information portal as well. It searches more than one thousand websites and search engines at the same time.

<https://www.infotopia.info>

## Free Online Encyclopedias

Are you looking for FREE online encyclopedias? The Virtual LRC has links to regular online encyclopedias, a Canadian encyclopedia, a Catholic Encyclopedia, an Animal encyclopedia, and much more!

<https://www.virtuallrc.com/encyclopedias.html>



## Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers from **Emporia, Virginia!** We are happy you are using Infotopia.info, VirtualLRC.com, Infotrek.info, Kidtopia.info and TeacherTopia.info for your research needs!

## Kidtopia

### Dictionaries for Kids

<https://www.kidtopia.info/dictionary.html>

Our collection of dictionaries for kids includes visual and picture dictionaries, world language dictionaries, audible dictionaries and more! Try a few of them below:

### Enchanted Learning

<https://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>

### Merriam Webster's Learners Dictionary

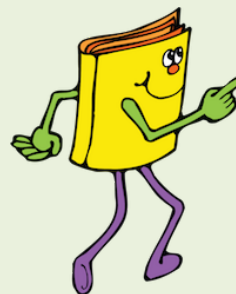
<https://www.learnersdictionary.com/>

### Wild Wordsmyth

<https://kids.wordsmyth.net/wild/#/home>

### NASA Picture Dictionary

<https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/dictionary>



Did you know that Merriam-Webster has chosen "vaccine" as the word of the year? Last year's word of the year was "pandemic." What will be the word of the year for 2022? Send us your ideas via email and we'll share them next month!

## Five Great Classroom Ideas (borrowed from Edutopia.org)

**1. Creating Authentic Audiences for Student Work** by Christine Hietanen--Teachers can guide students to share their learning with different groups of people, creating a deeply engaging learning experience.

<https://edut.to/3xFHySJ>

**2. How to Manage a Multiyear Project—and Why You Should Try One** by Pete Barnes—Ideas that include a garden, math projects, art murals and more.

<https://edut.to/3xERYBZ>

**3. Helping Students Reacclimate to Being With Others All Day** by Lori Desautels—great ideas to get students to connect to each other.

<https://edut.to/3xLxjwf>

**4. 10 Teacher Picks for Best Tech Tools** by Jonathan Eckert

<https://edut.to/3E8ZEz1>

**5. Strategies for Teaching Students to Estimate** by Thomas Courtney

<https://edut.to/3oarBAI>



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Our search engines/web directories include:

<https://www.infotopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopiagames.com>

<https://www.infotrek.info>

<https://www.virtualLRC.com>

<https://www.teachertopia.info>

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## Seven Tips to Create Strong Passwords

<https://bit.ly/3EcgXPC>

Do you use 123456, your birthday, anniversary or QWERTY for your passwords? These are NOT recommended. J. Greller, in her amazing blog, *A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet*, recommends 7 tips to creating strong passwords and includes an infographic that you can print and use in your library or classroom.

