

# Eastern Oregon Parent

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**ON THE COVER:**

Angela Bonzani (standing) homeschools her kids in their Pendleton dining room (sitting, clockwise from top left): Addison, Levi, Kendall, Sierra, Marin, Brielle, and Jack.



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## TECHNOLOGY & YOUR CHILD

Students are using technology in so many ways in their classrooms, from apps that help with reading and math skills to websites where they can explore science and history.

### How can parents engage with their children using technology at home?

Parent Tips for finding good apps & websites:

- **commonsensemedia.org** – a great online resource that rates apps, websites, books, movies and games. Includes family guides, parent concerns and Latino sections.
- choose products that help your child learn how to learn and that encourage questions, foster curiosity & support critical thinking
- choose age- and developmentally appropriate products
- consider what you would like your child to learn – do you want to boost certain academic subjects, build creativity or promote social-emotional learning?
- let your child’s interest be your guide
- do the research -- investigate products by reading unbiased reviews and download a demo

### A FEW RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

- [tweentribune.com](http://tweentribune.com) – current events for grades 3rd – 10th
- [wonderopolis.org](http://wonderopolis.org) – cool science exploration for grades 3rd – 10th
- [arcademics.com](http://arcademics.com) – educational games for all ages
- [starfall.com](http://starfall.com) – phonics & reading for PreK – 2nd grade
- [phet.colorado.edu](http://phet.colorado.edu) – science for middle and high schoolers
- [mathtv.com](http://mathtv.com) – math skills for middle and high schoolers, including bilingual instruction



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