

VC Projects

<http://vcrox.pbwiki.com/>

Monster Match

www.edlink12.net/monstermatch

Two classrooms will be paired up and each class will create a monster. The class will then write a description of their monster and email that to their partner class. Each class will recreate the other class' monster by following the emailed directions. Classes will meet via videoconference to compare the original monsters with the recreated monsters.

Holidays Extravaganza

www.edlink12.net/holidays

Holiday Challenge: Classes will create holiday-themed interactions including skits, riddles, math problems, mad-libs, or carols. Other classes will interact with them to solve mysteries and challenges.

Bluebonnet Conference

www.edlink12.net → Videoconferencing → Student Projects

Classrooms from ESC Region 12 partner with student teachers from Baylor University. The purpose of this project is to increase reading understanding, learn presentation skills, build teamwork with classmates, and increase self-confidence by working with teachers and college mentors.

ASK: Author, Specialist, Knowledge

www.edlink12.net/ask

ASK, Authors Specialist and Knowledge, provides students with the opportunity to interview an author or a subject specialist in the topic they are reading about in a novel.

MysteryQuests

Prior to the video conference each classroom will create a presentation with clues about their mystery. The other classrooms, using reference materials, will try to discover the answer to the mystery presented by each of the participating classrooms.

- MQ USA <http://www.remc11.k12.mi.us/dl/MQUSA/>
- MQ World <http://www.remc11.k12.mi.us/dl/MysteryQuest/>
- Texas History Mystery <http://www.humbleisd.net/mystery>
- Landmark Challenge <http://www.edlink12.net>

Read Around the Planet: A celebration of NEA's Read Across America *Sponsored by Polycom*

<http://www.twice.cc/read/>

Classrooms use interactive video to connect with other classrooms "around the planet" and read to each other. The activity is sponsored by TWICE and Polycom, in cooperation with NEA.



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Virtual-Iy FREE Videoconferences

Program Providers

These programs extend knowledge by connecting students with specialized experts and resources that would normally be unavailable to them in the traditional classroom and help make strong correlations to the real world.

Free Videoconferences

- [Rainforest Connection Live](#), Panama
Contact Dr. Jackie Willis, willisj@mail.montclair.edu
- [NASA Digital Learning Network](#)
- [NASA NEEMO](#), View YouTube [Video](#)
Contact Robin Hart, <mailto:robin.c.hart@nasa.gov>
- [Cleveland MetroPark Zoo](#)
- [Smithsonian American Art Museum](#)
- [Arizona Memorial Museum Association](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Lancashire Conservation Studios](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- Eli Lilly and Company - Contact Maghan Johnson at johnson_meghan_m@lilly.com for current programs

Easy on the Pocket

- [Camden Children's Garden](#) (\$55-\$80)
- [Center for Puppetry Arts](#) (\$145/MP 3 sites)
- [Global Leap](#) (\$65)
- [The Grace Museum](#) (\$75 for TEKS-based programs)
- [Indianapolis Zoo](#) (\$80 MP for monthly specials-- Butterflies/Penguins/Earth Day)
- [The Mariners' Museum](#) (\$50/\$75)
- [Mote Marine](#), Florida (\$50/\$75)
- [Michigan State University Museum](#) (\$50)
- [Vanderbilt University](#), Tennessee (\$75)

Teacher Demos

This is an excellent way to introduce your teachers to videoconferencing, allow them to actually participate in a live videoconference and check out available programs. Although the program overviews below are free of charge, the videoconference programs offered for students do have a cost associated (except NASA).

- [NASA DLN Overview and Program Showcase](#)
- [Cleveland Institute of Music - Distance Learning Jambalaya](#)
- [Cleveland Museum of Art](#)
- [Challenger Learning Center - Wheeling](#) Operation Montserrat
- [Connect2Texas](#) - Contact Gerri Maglia at gmaglia@esc11.net for more information



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