

## Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

**Program:** *Nature Cat*

**Grade(s):** PreK-3

**Ways to watch:** 24/7 streaming, [PBS Kids](#), PBS live broadcast

**About:** *Nature Cat* follows Fred, a house cat who dreams of exploring the great outdoors. Once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into NATURE CAT, "backyard explorer extraordinaire!" Nature Cat can't wait to get outside for a day of backyard nature excursions and bravery, but there's one problem: he's still a house cat with no instincts for nature! With the help of his animal friends, Nature Cat embarks on action-packed adventures full of nature investigation, "aha" discovery moments and humor, all while inspiring children to go outside and "play the show." Nature Cat is devised to reconnect children with the natural world; making engaging, age-appropriate nature education a sustaining and enriching part of their daily lives. Viewers will learn that to start, they just need to open the door, step outside and prime their senses.

**Primary Connection to the [Vermont Early Learning Standards \(VELS\)](#)**

III. Learning About the World: Science

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Physical Sciences	1. Children construct concepts of the properties of matter, sound, motion and energy through exploration and investigations.
2. Life Sciences	1. Children construct concepts about the characteristics of living organisms, their biology, and ecosystems through exploration and investigations.
3. Earth and Space Sciences	1. Children construct concepts about Earth's systems, the impacts of human activity on these systems, and Earth's place in the universe through observations, exploration, and investigations.

### III. Learning About the World: Social Studies

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Inquiry	1. Children make sense of the world around them by actively gathering and interpreting information.

**Additional VELS' Sections and Domains to Explore with *Nature Cat*:** I. Developing Self: Approaches to Learning.

**Resources:** Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *Nature Cat*.

**For Educators:**

- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

**For Families:**

- [PBS Parents](#)
- [PBS Kids](#)

**You may also be interested in these PBS programs:**

1. [Wild Kratts](#)
2. [PEEP and the Big Wide World](#)
3. [Nature](#)