

Resource Round-Up

Resource Round-Up is a regular column in which we review and feature books, toys, games, CDs, videos, learning kits, and other materials that parents may find helpful in raising their high-potential youngsters. Resources included in this column have been reviewed and evaluated by the editors of Parenting for High Potential. Submit products that are intended for children, youth, or family use to: Karen Yannacio, PHP Resource Round-Up Coordinator, 8 High Point Circle, Apt. 301, Quincy, MA 02169.

We also publish reviews of books intended specifically for parents if we find that they will have interest and value for parents of high-ability children. Send books to be considered to Dr. Jennifer L. Jolly, Editor, PHP Magazine, P.O. Box 21351, Baton Rouge, LA 70894.

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High-Tech Tots! by Karen Yannacio

Ever notice that, if you are having difficulty figuring out a technology device, the best person to ask for help could be your children? Even if they are under the age of 6? Technological advances surround children, including MP3 players for music, cell phone to contact anyone at anytime, photography with digital cameras, and laptops to watch instantly downloadable Netflix movies. All of these amazing devices may seem new to us but are everyday items to this younger generation. Kids today are becoming very savvy in technology, and toy makers have easily incorporated this into their product lines! According to the Toy Industry Association, the electronic toy industry is a \$1.6 billion dollar business! Adrienne Citrin, from the Toy Industry Association, commented, "We continue to see the increased popularity of tech toys, a lot of which incorporate learning." Let's get innovative! In this Resource Round-Up column you will, of course, find some amazing new featured tech toys for tots, but you'll also find other innovative items for your toddler that can increase learning, promote safety, build independence, and strengthen important skills.

Safety First: Innovation in Protecting Our Kids

Cover Play Yard: Innovative in its germ-limiting idea, the cover play yard offers parents an easy and decorative way to protect their children from germs that can accumulate quickly and daily in the familiar play yards. A hygienic clip cover fits over your portable play yard and keeps the dust build-up, crumbs, bugs, and anything else "germy" a thing of the past. Perfect for use when you are using play yards provided by relatives, daycare centers, or hotels to provide additional protection from germs. This machine washable and pediatrician recommended cover

comes in a variety of styles and sizes, which can fit into your living space. MSRP \$49.99–\$59.99
<http://www.coverplayard.com>

Kiddie Kangaroo: Building independence for toddlers can start right in their very own car seat! Kiddie Kangaroo, which was developed by a mom, is an instant storage system that puts items such as sippy cups, bottles, pacifiers, snacks, and toys all in easy reach of the toddler's hands. Just by slipping this Kiddie Kangaroo over the car seat or stroller seat you can keep all of the toddler's important items right at hand for them while promoting their independence in attaining the items when they need them. Machine washable, sturdy, and collapsible pockets are some other features of this innovative product. MSRP: \$40–\$42
<http://www.kiddiekangaroo.com>

Me4kidz: Keeping your kids safe includes teaching them about keeping themselves safe. Me4kidz products make safety awareness easy and fun. The medibuddy is a pediatrician approved, mom-created, kid-friendly, and compact first aid kit that includes everything (crayon-shaped bandages, sting relief pads, antiseptic wipes, and much more along with smiley faced stickers, too!) needed to treat a child's minor injuries in a fun carrying case. A winner of the 2007 Greatest Product iParenting Award. MSRP: \$4.95
<http://www.me4kidz.com>

Baby Signs Complete Potty Training Kit: Change the way you as a parent look at potty training with this full potty training program developed by Dr. Linda Acredolo and Dr. Susan Goodwyn. Claiming to potty train your child before the age of 2, this program incorporates a straightforward parent guide, a Potty