

Pointers For Parents

Award-Winning TV Show Encourages Creativity

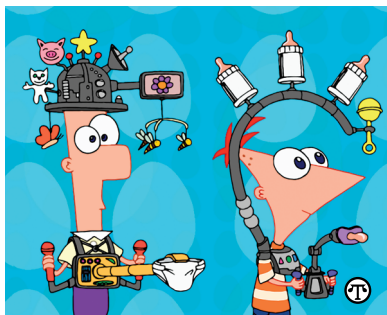
(NAPSA)—Encouraging a child's imagination can open up a world of opportunity. Experts say the benefits of learning to think creatively can range from an improved vocabulary and better reading skills to a boost in self-confidence and social abilities.

Helping a budding imagination develop can be simple. Try these tips:

- Read to children and ask them to predict how a story might end.
- Create a space where your child can draw, paste and do artwork.
- Provide props—such as your old clothing or photographs—for your child to play with.

It's also smart to choose wisely the TV shows your child watches. For instance, "Phineas and Ferb" on Disney Channel and Disney XD was developed to empower kids with the idea that, with enough imagination and ingenuity, practically anything can be accomplished. The Emmy-nominated animated comedy is now the No. 1 animated series for kids and tweens.

It follows Phineas Flynn and his stepbrother, Ferb Fletcher, as they set out to conquer boredom and make every day of their 104-day summer vacation count. Among their fun-filled projects are building a backyard beach complete with a surf competition, creating a new season (one with both sun and snow) called "swinter,"



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assembling a theme park-sized roller coaster across their town and becoming overnight pop music sensations.

However, with each extraordinary adventure the boys have, their older sister, Candace, becomes increasingly frantic and makes it her life's work to tattle on them to Mom and Dad—but somehow, she's never quite able to prove what they've done.

All the while, Phineas and Ferb are accompanied by their pet platypus, Perry, who seems to be a docile, mindless family pet. But unbeknownst to everyone—including the two stepbrothers—Perry has a secret life as suave Agent P, deftly battling the evil Dr. Doofenshmirtz to save the world.

New episodes of the show premiere on Saturdays on Disney XD and Fridays on Disney Channel. For more information, visit www.disneyxd.com.