

the Science of Light

Web Site Sheds Light On Optical Science

(NAPSA)—“Why is the sky blue?”

If you've ever spent any time around young children, you may have been asked this scientific poser—and not been able to give a satisfactory answer. Fortunately, there's now a Web site that answers this and other optic questions kids may have.



A new Web site helps children (and their parents) understand the science of optics.

The site is the first of its kind to be dedicated to the education of optic science for grades K to 12. The site, www.OpticsForKids.org, allows students to explore the field of optics through interactive experiments covering such topics as vision and color. Online experiments include color mixing, simulated surgery and reflection/refraction demonstrations.

“Our education outreach initiatives are one of the most important and significant ways that OSA (the Optical Society of America) supports the scientific community,” said OSA Executive Director Elizabeth Rogan. “It is important that we continue to develop programs that challenge young minds and inspire them to become the scientists of tomorrow.”

The site also features a unique area dedicated to parents and educators, with more than 30 lesson plans broken down by education level.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.OpticsForKids.org.