

It's Back to School time! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists! (click on each image for a link)



Podcasts can be a terrific way for adults and kids learn while listening. Listening to podcasts fosters imagination, focus, and comprehension. Podcasts are free, downloadable and portable. Episodes can be serialized, much like old time radio programs or stand alone, allowing you to pick and choose those which interest you and your children. Subscribe to favorites and the latest episodes will populate your mobile app on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Check out [Common Sense Media](#) for a list of 20 podcasts for kids, preschool through teenagers. The following are some favorites for elementary students...



One of the newest podcasts to hit the scene, NPR's first show for kids is exactly the sort of engaging, well-produced content you would expect from the leaders in radio and audio series. Hosts Guy Roz and Mindy Thomas exude joy and curiosity while discussing the latest news in science and technology in a way that's enjoyable for kids and informative for grown-ups.



One of the first kids' podcasts to grasp podcasts' storytelling capabilities, this podcast is still going strong with kid-friendly renditions of classic stories, fairy tales, and original works. These longer stories with a vivid vocabulary are great for bigger kids past the age for picture books but who still love a good bedtime story.



With wacky episode titles such as "What if Legos were alive?" and "What if sharks had legs?," this series takes ridiculous "what if" questions submitted by young listeners and turns them into a new story every two weeks. Host Eric O'Keefe uses silly voices and crazy characters to capture the imaginations of young listeners with a [Mad Libs](#)-like randomness.



Kids are always asking seemingly simple questions that have surprisingly complex answers, such as "Why is the sky blue?" and "Who invented words?" This cute biweekly radio show/podcast takes on answering them. Each episode features several kid-submitted questions, usually on a single theme, and with the help of experts, it gives clear, interesting answers.



Often compared to a kid-friendly Radiolab, this podcast not only addresses fascinating topics but also tries to foster a love of science itself by interviewing scientists about their process and discoveries. The hosts don't assume that listeners have a science background -- but even kids who think they don't like science may change their minds after listening to this podcast.

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- Sherry Martin: Defer, Ferry, Mason, Monteith, Poupard
- Cheryl Quinlan: Defer, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith
- Rachel Walpole: Defer, Richard, Trombly

