Expand your child's world through media adventures

You probably can't take your child on a trip to Southeast Asia this year. But if he/she is the sort who loves adventure, you could "visit" these places online.

That's just one of the ways you can use TV and the Internet to expand your child's world.

Help your child set up a calendar on your computer.

 Motivate thinking. Help your child find TV shows or Web sites that introduce him/her to new ideas. Take time to talk about them together.

Here are some other ways:

- Foster creativity. Help your child find Web sites or TV shows that demonstrate how to make things. Provide glue, scissors and other supplies. Then allow time to work on projects.
- Promote family ties. Use the web to learn more about your family. Your child might be able to put your family photos on a Web site or a CD.
- Encourage organization.

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