

New video games

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Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Make the Grade!

The answers are elementary when players face questions based on grade-school curriculum. Wii, PS2, DS, PC. (\$20-\$30)

Monopoly

This fresh take on a timeless classic features simultaneous play so players can get their hands on all that colorful money. PS3, X360, Wii. (\$40)

Rock University Presents The Naked Brothers Band: The Video Game

Based on the popular Nickelodeon show about adolescent rock stars, this game allows players to perform the band's greatest hits. Wii, DS, PS2. (\$30-\$45)



HOT WEB SITES

Truthout (truthout.org). The mission of this news agency is simple: establish a stable voice for independent journalism. To that end, Truthout features articles, editorials and videos examining everything from Wall Street to the war in Iraq to the presidential election.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

[EarthCam \(earthcam.com\)](http://EarthCam.com). Take your mind off the ordinary by logging on to this site that features real-time footage of fascinating places around the world.

BEST BET

Car Chip Pro Engine Performance Monitor

Critical data once available to professional mechanics is now at your fingertips. (\$119.99)

HOT THIS WEEK

Offshore Tycoon

Take control of fish trawlers, oil tankers and other harvesting equipment at various locales around the globe in this time management simulator game. Wii.(\$15)

Far Cry 2

Your mission is to take out “The Jackal,” a mysterious mercenary who has rekindled the conflict between African warlords. PS3, X360, PC. (\$50-\$60)

HOT PRODUCTS

USB 8GB Flash-Drive Lighter

This refillable Zippo-designed lighter features a built-in USB flash drive. (\$49.99)

Sony’s Reader Digital Book

The extremely portable Reader Digital Book stores about 160 eBooks so you can enjoy your favorite books anytime, anywhere. (\$299.99)

Swatch 007 Villain Collection

This collection features 19 different timepieces inspired by various James Bond movies, including “The Spy Who Loved Me,” “Live and Let Die,” “A View to a Kill” and “Goldfinger.” (\$60-\$235)