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Time to Play with Jim and Chris - May 20, 2011

“It’s the Magic School Bus! It’s been 25 years since the Magic School Bus was launched. This is a real classic science set. This is the kind of thing I loved when I was a kid. This is really cool. This comes with a basic compound microscope: 100, 300 and 600 times magnification. It has a light underneath. Here’s how I got in trouble. I got in trouble with this because I cut a whisker off of my cat so I could look at it under the microscope, and my mother got really mad.” – *Chris Byrne*



“Here’s the thing about this. It’s also about interactivity. There are 20 different activity cards that take you through the process of learning about a microscope. Kids are really curious about their world. I really thought this was great. Looking at stuff under a microscope. I mean, do remember the first time you saw an amoeba or a paramecium? No. That was the ‘Are you out of your mind?’ look. I loved science when I was a kid.” – *Chris Byrne*



“This goes back to our point about having a balanced toy box. This is great for quiet play. It comes with premade slides with fungi. It’s for ages 5 and up. It’s done by a company called The Young Scientists Club that does a lot of really great, interesting science kits.” – *Chris Byrne*



“I like the packaging.” – *Jim Silver*

“There’s also a Chemistry Lab available. Here’s something interesting. Since 1974, you have not been able to have any toy chemistry lab that blows up. That stinks. You can’t make stink bombs either! Anyway, this is really great if your kids are into that sort of thing.” – *Chris Byrne*

