



Video: PBS premieres a 'Mister Rogers'-inspired series

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Even though **Fred Rogers** died almost a decade ago, I still miss his kind and loving presence in the world.

As creator/host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, Rogers influenced generations of children for more than 40 years. Next month, PBS Kids will debut a show from [The Fred Rogers Company](#) -- and it will look familiar to those of us who were glued to the original.

[Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood](#) is an animated series for preschoolers that stars a 4-year-old talking tiger. And although that sounds nothing like Mister Rogers' world, after you watch it for a minute, several images are sure to evoke memories.

First, there's the fact that Daniel starts his day by putting on a sweater and tying his sneakers. Then there's the (animated) set, which includes items from Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe, like the trolley and King Friday's castle.

Characters include Katerina Kittycat, daughter of Henrietta Pussycat; Miss Elaina, daughter of Lady Elaine; and Prince Wednesday, a member of King Friday's royal family. (Daniel himself is supposed to be the son of Daniel Striped Tiger, who was on the original show.)

Today I have an exclusive clip from the second episode ("Daniel Visits School"), if you want to make your own comparison:

Cute, right? *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* premieres Sept. 3 on PBS Kids and will air daily. Record it for your kids -- and yourself.

