Meet the Platypus Family!

New neighbors are moving into *Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood* on PBS KIDS, in the exciting fourth season of the top-rated animated preschool series from Fred Rogers Productions! The Platypus family—and Jodi Platypus, a “grr-ific” new friend for Daniel—will be introduced in “*The Daniel Tiger Movie: Won’t You Be Our Neighbor?*,” an all-new engaging hour-long movie special premiering September 17 on PBS KIDS (check local listings). The charming musical strategies featured in the new episodes will help parents and families get their kids ready for big life events, such as moving, and the stories will address important themes for preschoolers, including welcoming new friends and neighbors and celebrating diversity. Daniel even takes young viewers along for his first haircut! Below are character descriptions for the Platypus family:

**Jodi Platypus**

Jodi, a lovable 3-year-old Platypus, brings her charm—and her favorite stuffie, Benji the Hedgehog, to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe. *Yippy Skippy!* Initially shy around new friends and wary of new situations, Jodi watches, listens, and understands before jumping in. Once she has adjusted, she is dynamically boisterous and silly—especially around her two little twin brothers, Leo and Teddy. Daniel’s new Platypus friend is super resourceful, with a pocket full of things she might need in a pinch. A crayon? A tissue? She’s got both—and more. *Neato!*

**Dr. Platypus**

Dr. Platypus (“Dr. Plat” for short, or “Mama,” to her kids) is a fun-loving mom who isn’t afraid to be silly, getting down on all fours to play with her daughter and baby sons. The new dentist in town, she also has a gentle side when her children or patients need comforting, often giving Jodi or the twins a soft "boop" on the bill. When she’s not taking care of her neighbors’ teeth, she can be found expressing her free-spirited, artistic side through painting—just check out the fun Tigey mural she’s painted in her office!
Leo and Teddy Platypus

Identical 2-year-old twins Teddy and Leo Platypus may look the same on the outside, but on the inside, they are completely opposite. Leo is quiet while Teddy is loud. Leo is shy while Teddy is rambunctious. Leo is meticulous, thorough and slow. Teddy is fast, fast, fast. The boys are super silly, and love playing hide and seek—in fact, it’s their favorite game! *Peek-boo!* Finding them is an ongoing activity that ends in squeals of laughter for everyone. Whether they’re watching Jodi’s new ball trick or listening to her sing, Teddy and Leo are never far behind their big sister to cheer her on.

Nana Platypus

Nana is an integral member of the Platypus household—a confident, thoughtful, and devoted grandmother to her three grandchildren, with whom she’s lived for as long as the kids can remember. She balances her no-nonsense, authoritative demeanor with a warmth that makes her completely disarming. Nana is most often found cooking up a storm in the kitchen, and of course she prepares enough to feed the entire neighborhood! Bellies are full, and there’s always a shoulder to lean on when Nana’s nearby.