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ENGINEERING & INVENTING

TRAINING FOR K-12 TEACHERS

SESSION 1

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

By the end of this presentation, you should know

- 1) How *Science Fairs* and *Invention Fairs* are similar
- 2) The steps in the Engineering Design Process
- 3) What we did (pilot program)
- 4) About Mission: Invent at Andrews University

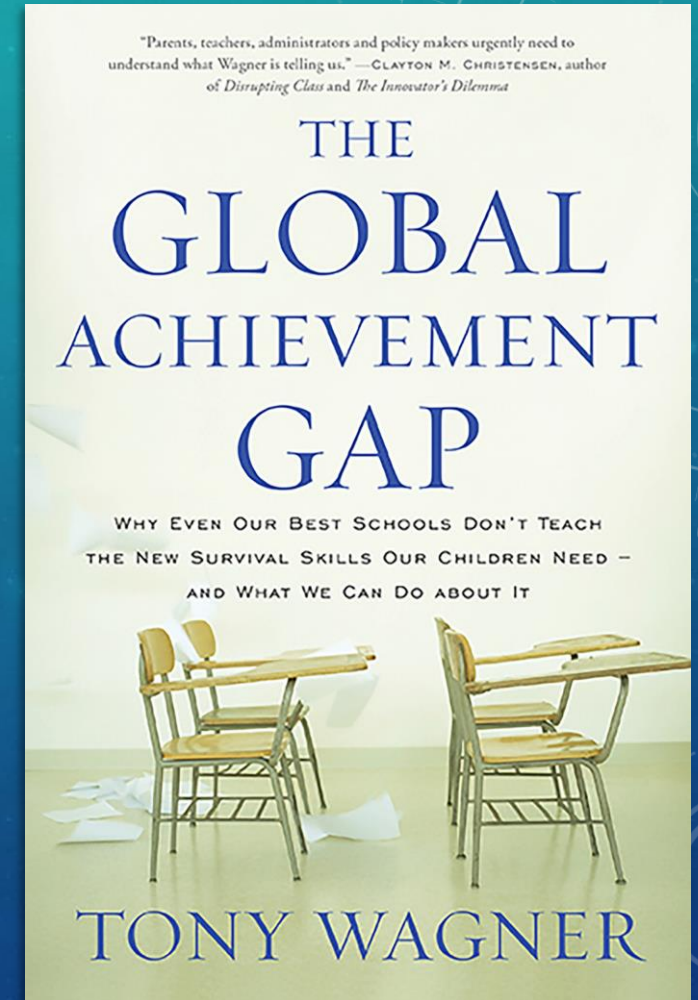
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WHY IS ENGINEERING & INNOVATION NEEDED IN OUR SCHOOLS NOW?

Seven Survival Skills for Teens Today

1. Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
2. Collaboration across Networks and Leading by Influence
3. Agility and Adaptability
4. Initiative and Entrepreneurialism
5. Effective Oral and Written Communication
6. Accessing and Analyzing Information
7. Curiosity and Imagination



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HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED
IN A SCIENCE FAIR?



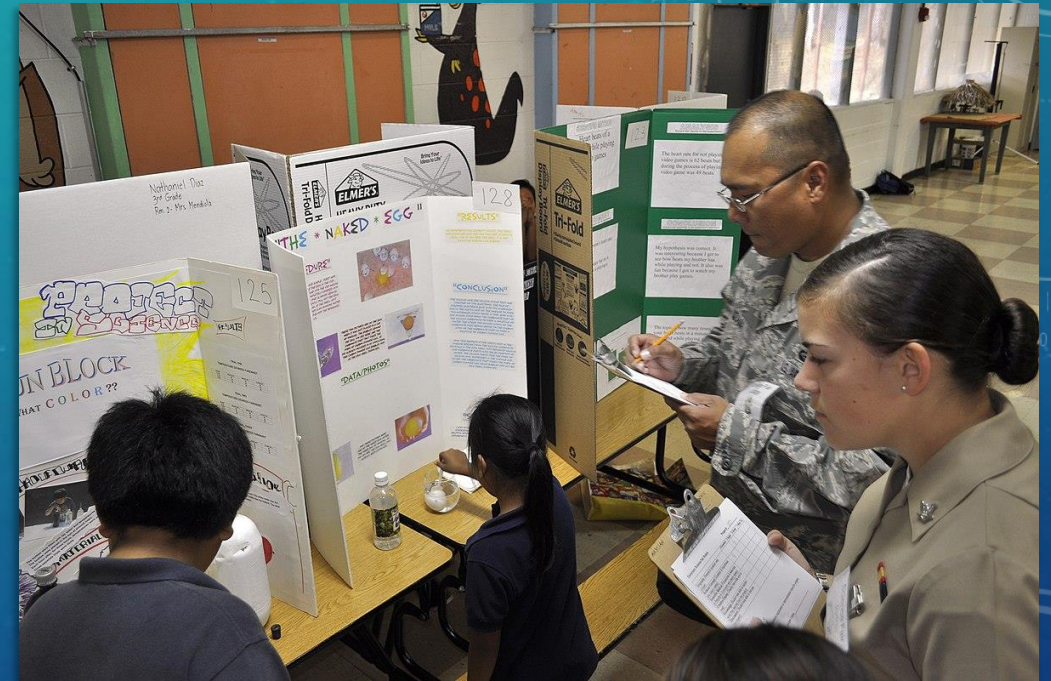
WHY AREN'T SCIENCE FAIRS POPULAR TODAY?

Parents do all the work.

Order an “experiment” online and student just puts it together.

Projects typically done at home, which parents don't like.

Any other reasons?



Traditional Science Fair illustration

INVENTION FAIR

- An annual event patterned after the Invention Convention (K-12) by the Henry Ford:
inventionconvention.org
- Preparation for the event will be integrated into science class (elementary/middle/high school levels)

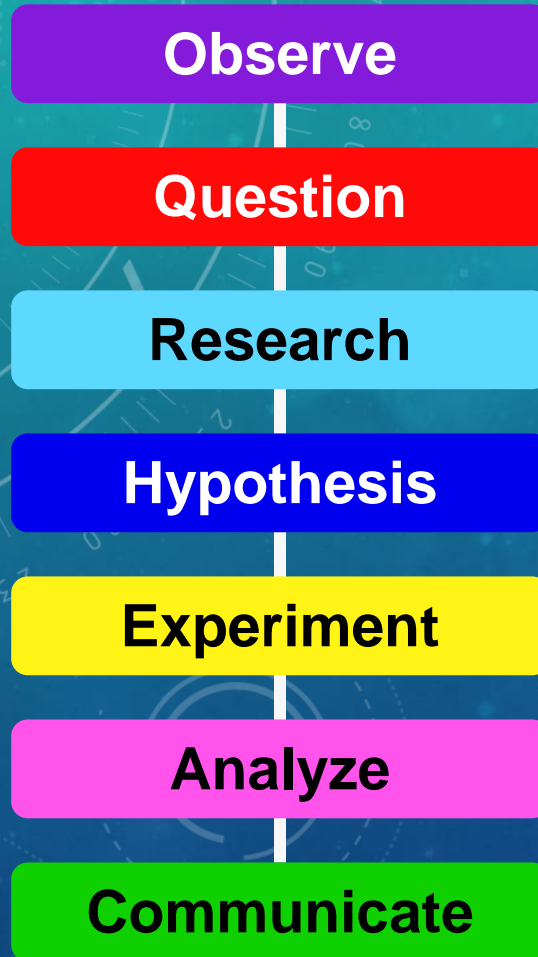


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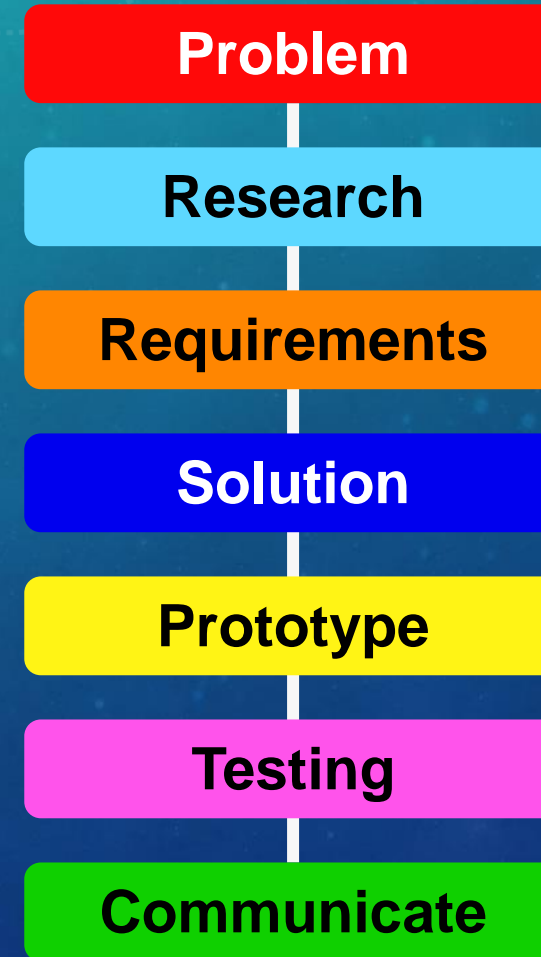
REFLECTION & REACTION

What did you think of the video?
How does this compare to a science fair?

Scientific Method



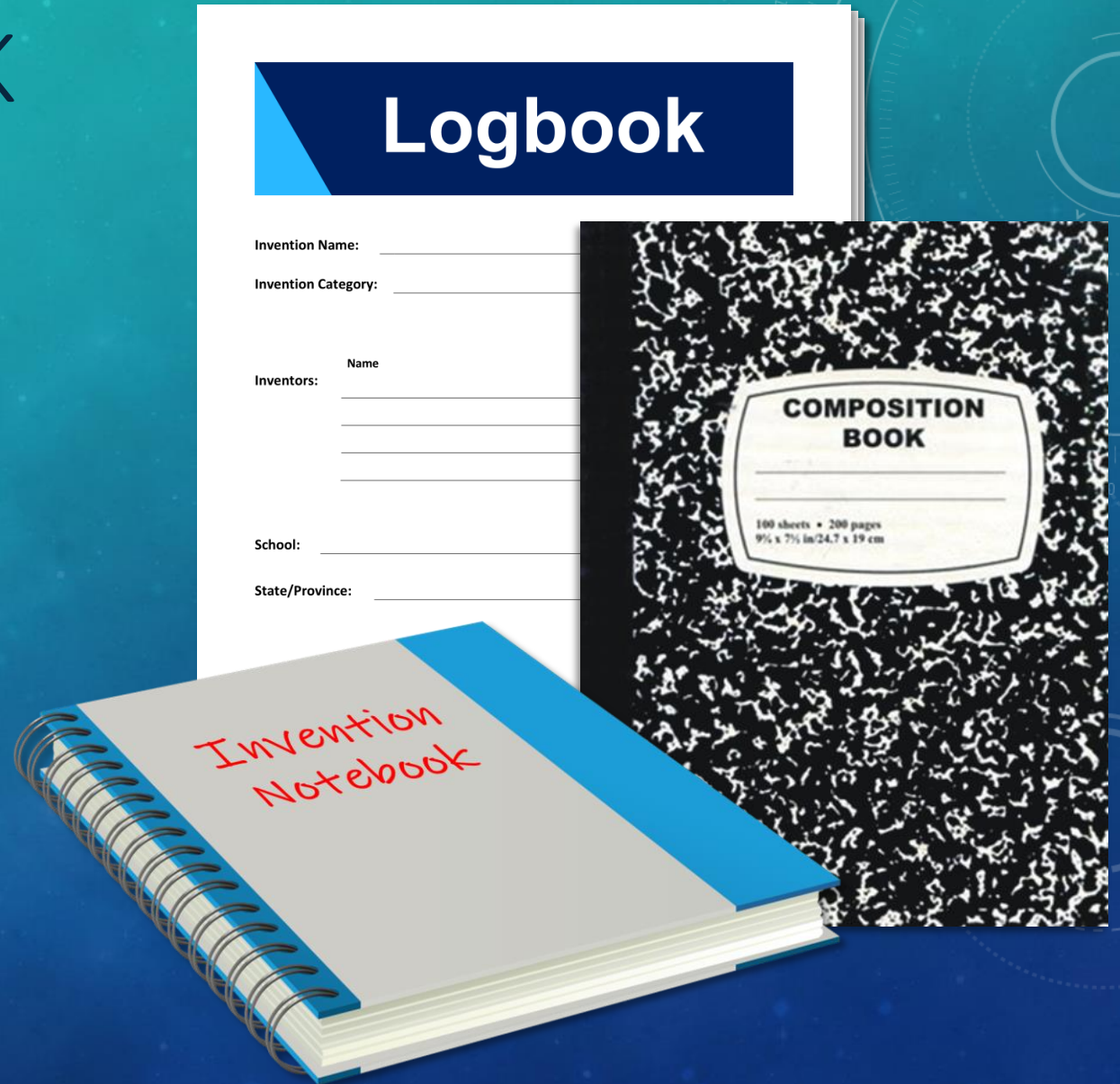
Engineering Design Process



LOGBOOK/NOTEBOOK

Document your...

- Ideas
- Plans
- Drawings
- Notes
- Research
- Etc.





SOUTH BEND JUNIOR ACADEMY

PILOTED: MARCH - MAY 2021

Small groups (3-4 students)

Students select a real-world problem

Designed and built a unique prototype

How Much In-Class Time:
One Quarter, twice a week



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ADVENTIST SCHOOL

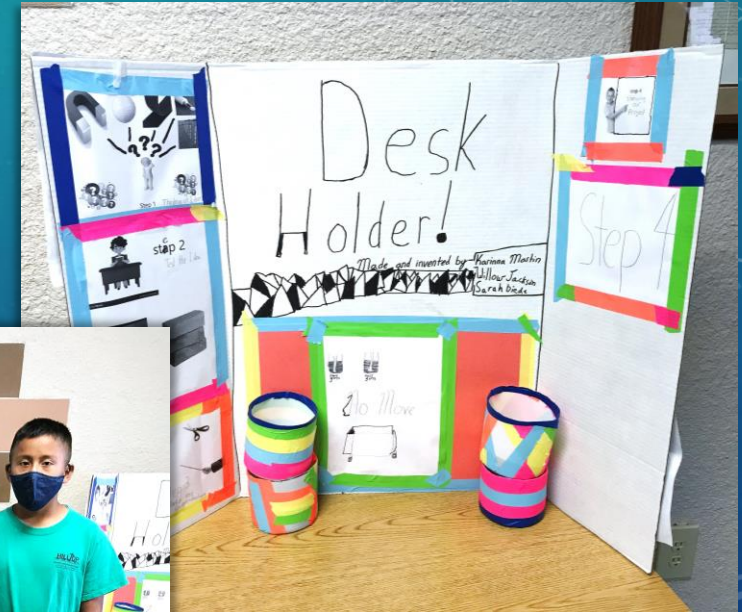
PILOTED: APRIL - MAY 2021

12 week minimum

Opportunity to become an ongoing project over several years

Small or Large Class Size

Scalable: PreK-12th grade



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EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Dogs Leave their Toys Lying
around the House



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Problem

DEFINE:

- Tripping/slipping hazard
- Looks messy
- Germs
- Toys get lost
- Toys mostly in one room
- Toys on the floor
- Variety of toys
- Carpet and hard floors

EXAMPLE PROBLEM

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Research

- Who or what has this problem?
- What solutions already exist?



EXAMPLE PROBLEM

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Requirements

CRITERIA & CONSTRAINTS:

- Picks up the toys
- Convenient/easy to use for everyone
- Make easier to locate toys
- Store toys and be accessible to dog
- Safe for everyone
- Works for different toy sizes/types
- Cost effective

EXAMPLE PROBLEM

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Solution

- Brainstorm ideas
- Talk with your team
- Think of new ideas



COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK

Breakout Rooms

Share your Solutions
(no bad ideas at this point)

EXAMPLE PROBLEM

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Solution

CHOOSE THE BEST SOLUTION:

- Compare ideas with requirements
- Discuss and choose the best idea

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COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK

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Choose the Best Solution

EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Can anyone be innovative?

How can we encourage problem solvers to be resilient?



DESIGN AND BUILD

Materials Needed:

Cardboard/Paper

Tape/Glue

Disposable Cups, Bottles, & Containers

Scrap Wood

Nails & Screws (if available)

Additional special items if necessary

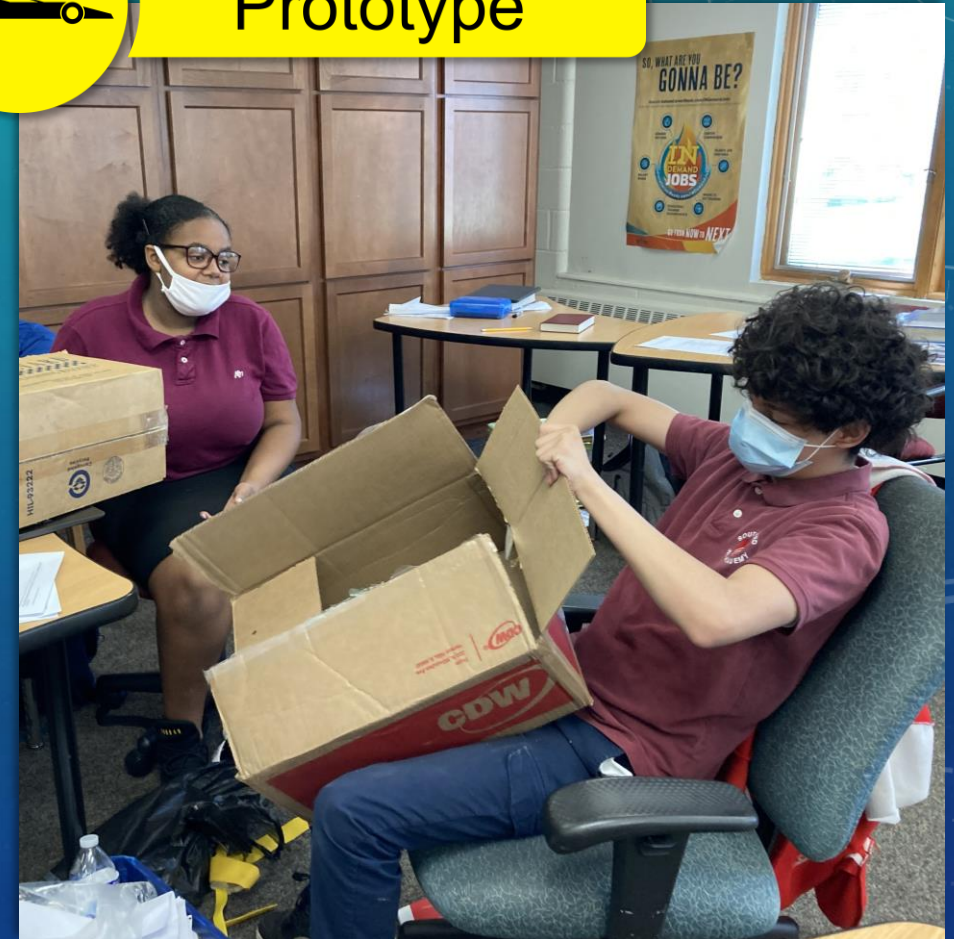
Tools

Cost?

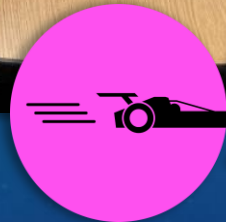
Cheap is ok/good



Prototype

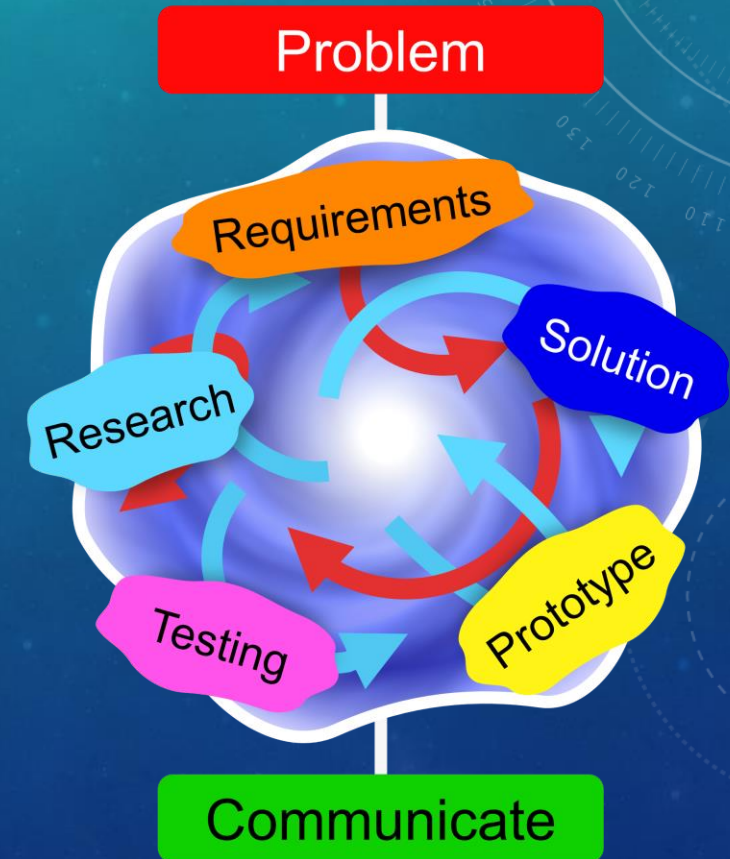


TESTING, RE-DESIGNING, CONCLUSIONS



Testing

Engineering Design Process



COMMUNICATE/PRESENT

- Oral presentation skills
- Teamwork- outline of presentation
- Tri-fold board



Communicate



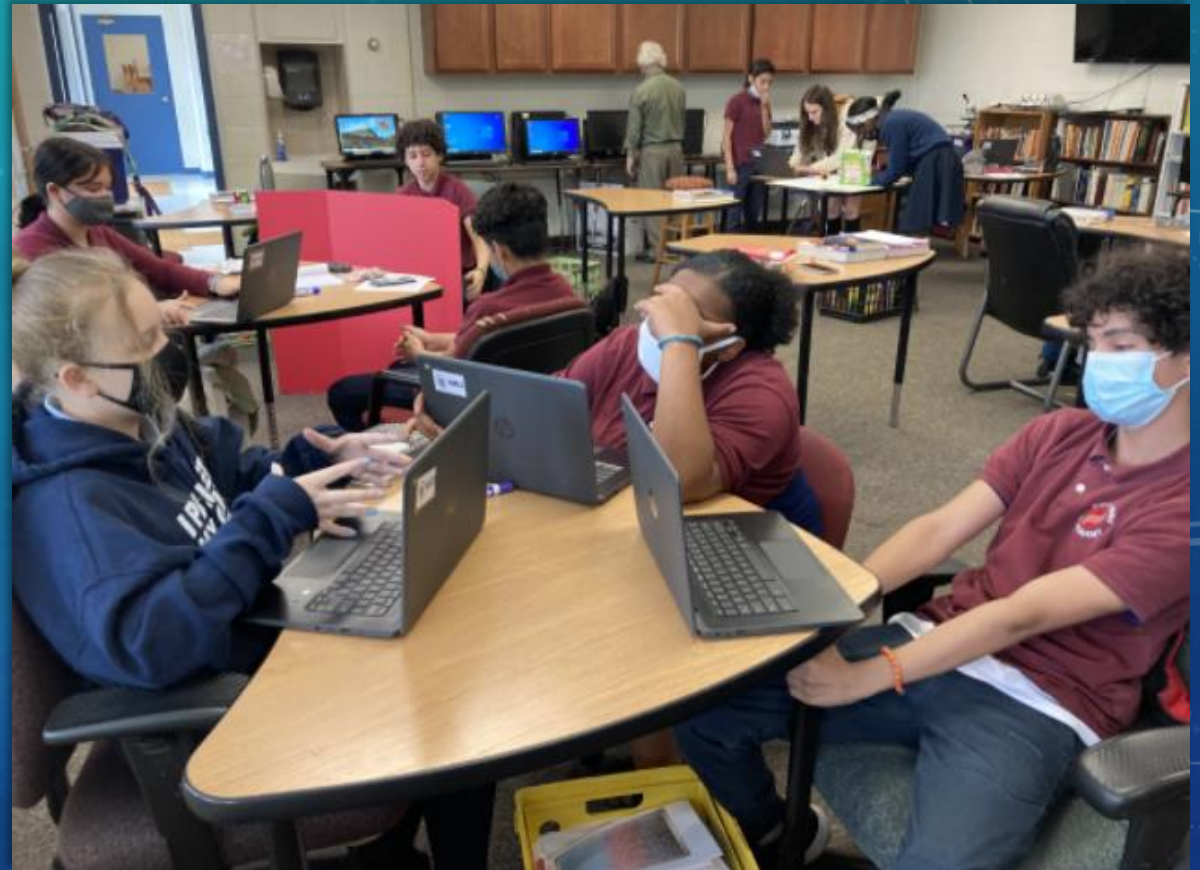
OUTCOME: PROBLEM SOLVERS

- Build Confidence
- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Oral Presentation Skills
- Spiritual Application

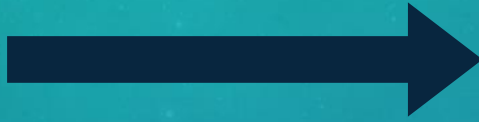


PROBLEMS THAT OUR STUDENTS CHOSE

- Lunch line time crunch
- Desks Holders
- Tupperware organizer
- Room surveillance
- Closing room door
- Ice cream sticky fingers



CAUTIONS & PITFALLS



- Students struggle to choose a problem
- Students try to do too much at once
- Students can get overwhelmed



SOLUTIONS

- Example Problems, Brainstorming, Deadlines
- Narrow the focus
- Provide next steps

THE WORD

“I can do all this through him
who gives me strength.”

- *Phil 4:13 (NIV)*



“It is the work of true education to develop this power, to
train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of
other men’s thought”

- *White, E. G. (2002). In Education (p. 17). essay, Pacific Press.*

ANNUAL EVENT

NAD-wide event hosted at Andrews University or other University

MISSION: invent

We invite your school to plan an Invention Fair in the spring

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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SUMMARY

- Scientific Method & Engineering Design Process are similar
- Anyone can be an inventor, teach basic engineering skills
- Build Problem Solvers who are resilient
- No expensive equipment needed
- Plan a school Invention Fair in the spring
- Participate in Mission: Invent in the summer (details coming soon)
- Visit andrews.edu/go/invent: resources, videos, etc.



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SESSION 2

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

By the end of this presentation, you should know:

- 1) How to start to implement basic engineering/inventing in your classroom
- 2) How to plan
- 3) Finding/deciding on a problem to solve
- 4) Resources

Materials needed: paper/pen or pencil

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START WITH STANDARDS

K-12 Engineering Standards

- Adventist Standards (K-8)
- Next Generation Science Standards (9-12)

By Grade Level



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DO YOUR RESEARCH

What is Engineering?

Go over the *Engineering Design Process*

Mission: Invent

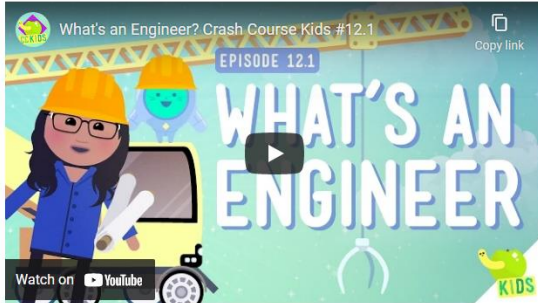
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Discover Engineering & Inventing

Engineers and inventors have been pivotal in shaping our world and continue to be a driving force for the future, pushing us to greater innovation. At their simplest, engineers and inventors are problem solvers. So whether or not a student decides to become an engineer or an inventor, they can apply these engineering principles to solve problems for the rest of their life. Check out these videos or click the link to learn about engineering and the engineering design process.


[Learn More](#)



What's an Engineer? Crash Course Kids #12.1
EPISODE 12.1
Watch on YouTube

What's an Engineer?

At their simplest, engineers (and inventors) are problem solvers. They use the tools of science, math, and technology to design new and innovative solutions to real-world problems. Check out this short video to learn more about engineers!



The Engineering Process: Crash Course Kids #12.2
EPISODE 12.2

The Engineering Design Process

The engineering design process is the series of steps engineers use to design solutions to real-world

MAKE A PLAN

When will you start?

- Recommend 2nd or 3rd Quarter

How much time will you need?

- 2 Days per Week
- At least 12 in-class days

Materials needed:

- Notebooks for each student
- Tri-fold board (1 per group)
- Recyclable materials



7th & 8th grade students planning

START WITH A HOOK

- Inventors and Engineers
- Show a video
- Problems are all around us
- Example problem
 - Dog toys



FIND/DECIDE ON A PROBLEM

Provide examples

Brainstorm together

Encourage students to
brainstorm alone or in
small groups

Talk to family, friends,
grandparents



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REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS



SET DEADLINES

Stick with deadlines

Expect the first prototype to fail

Allow for time to try again



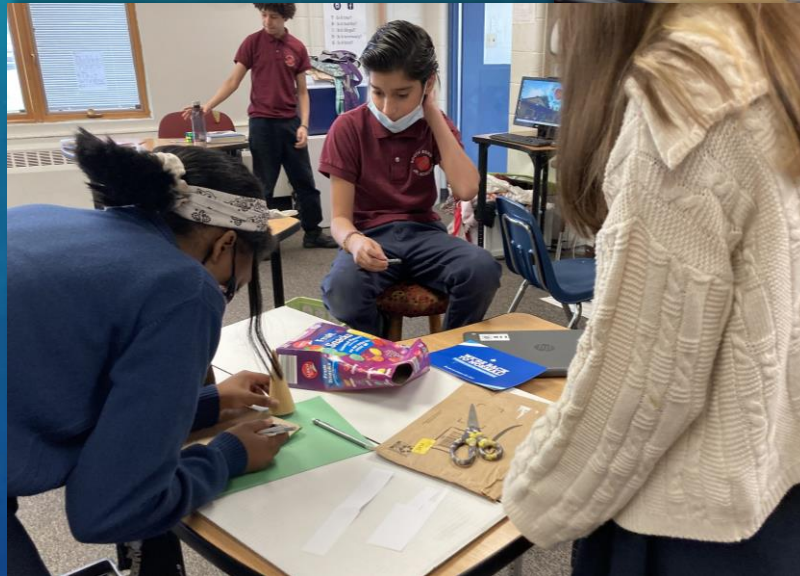
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TEACH COOPERATIVE SKILLS

Teamwork:
communication,
everyone has a task, etc.

Teamwork Rubrics

Learning throughout
the process



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RESOURCES

LOGBOOK

WORKSHEETS

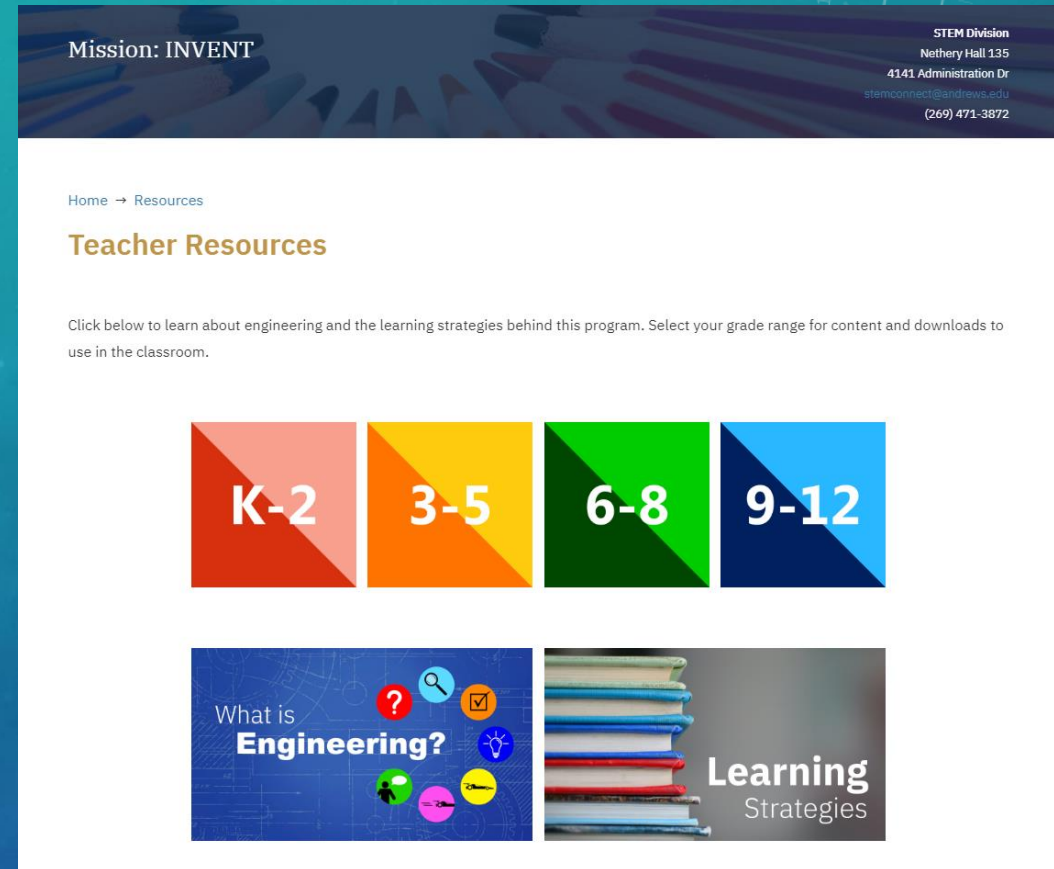
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RUBRICS

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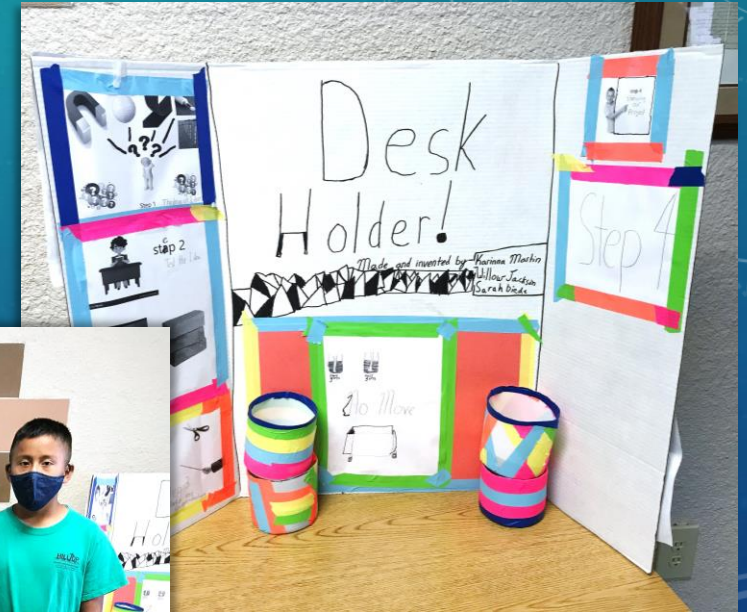
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PLAN A SCHOOL INVENTION FAIR

Provide an opportunity
for students to share
their process and
results

Similar to a science fair

Suggested - April



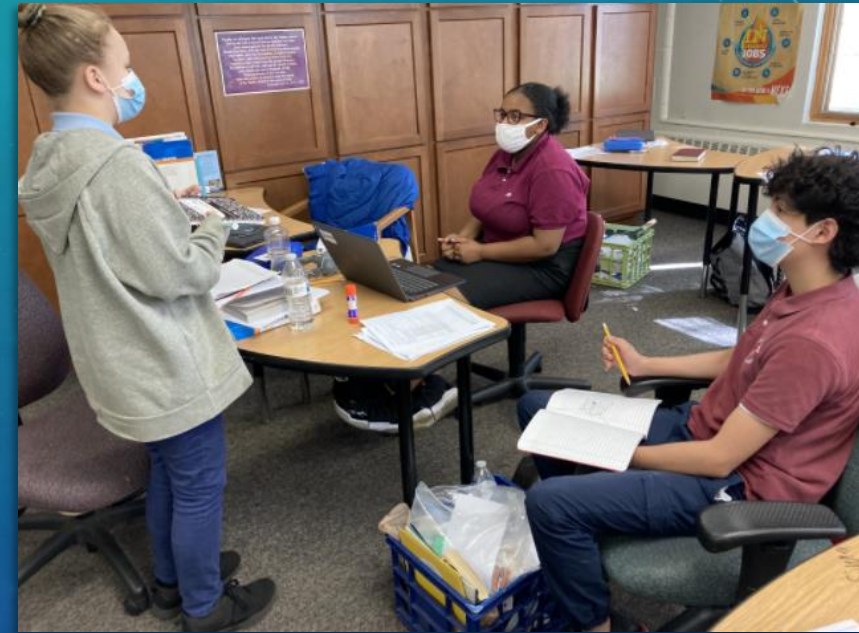
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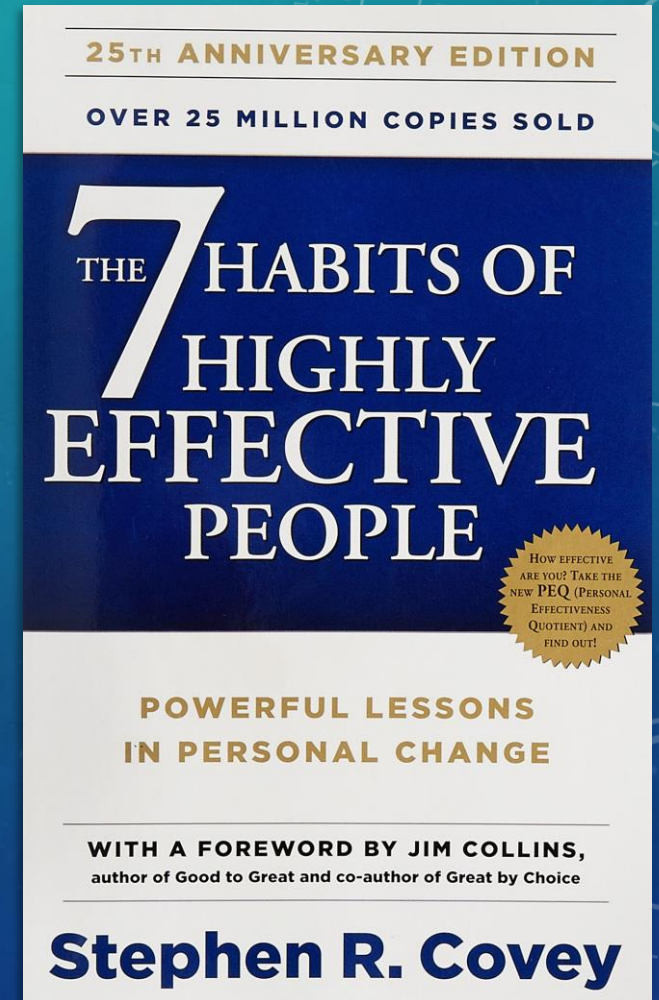
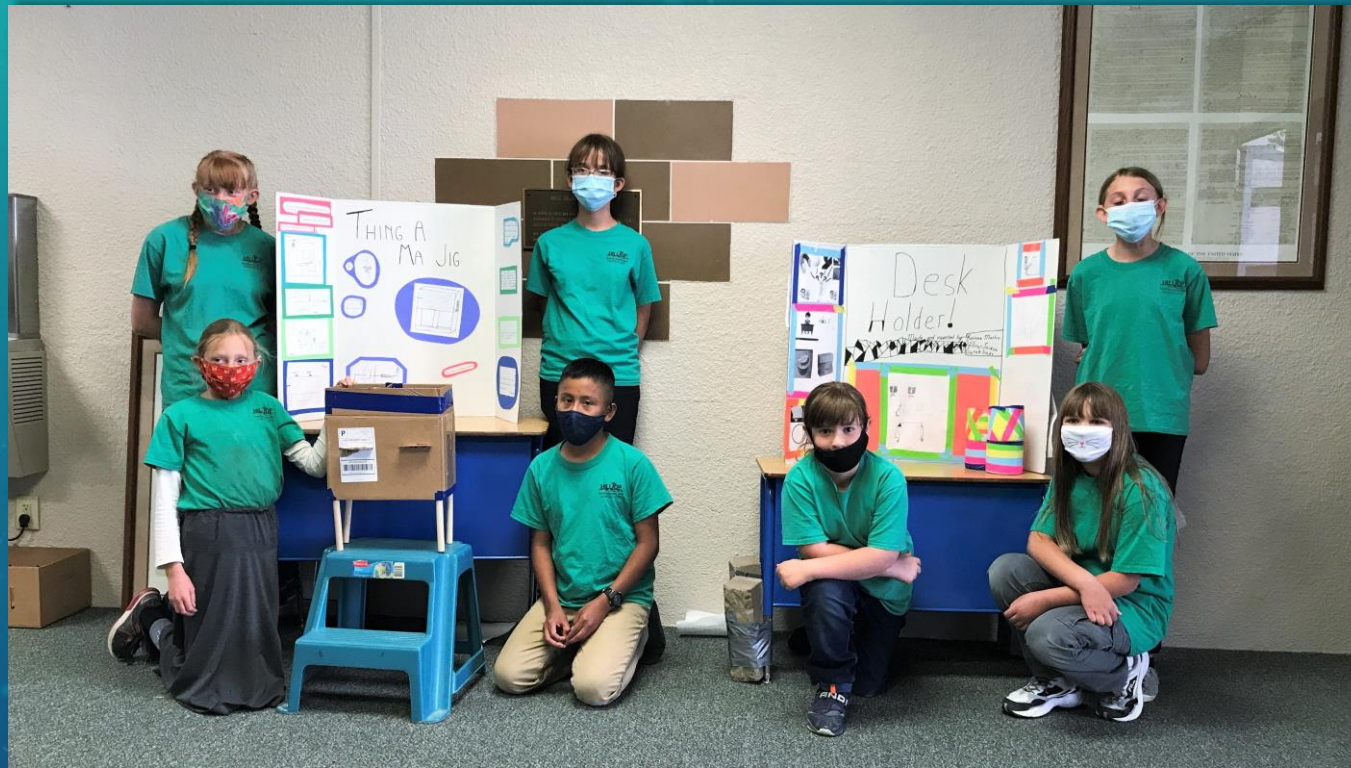
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OUTCOME: PROBLEM SOLVERS

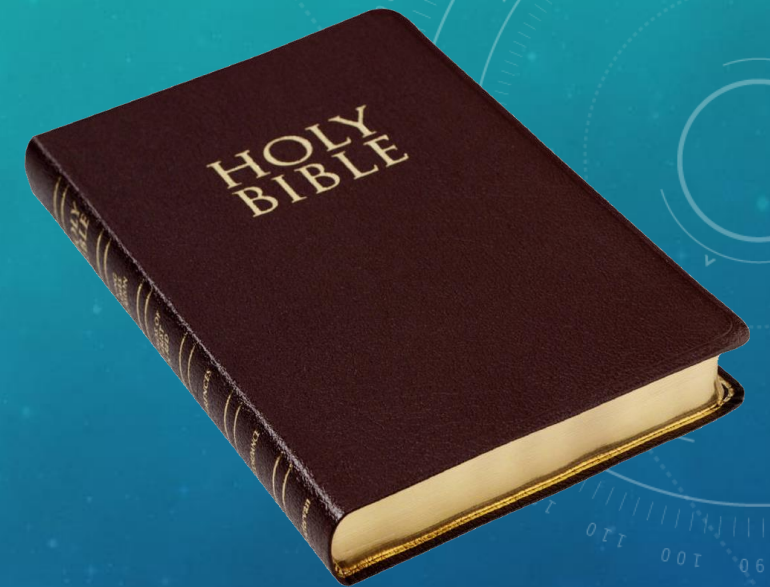
- Build Confidence
- Celebrate Creativity
- Developing Resilience
- Perseverance
- Cooperation
- Oral Presentation Skills
- Spiritual Application



BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND



THE WORD



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the
wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

- *Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)*

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return
for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the
other up.” - *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)*



TURN & TALK

WHERE WILL YOU START?
WHAT DO YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT?

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



SUMMARY

- Start with the standards
- Make a plan
- Stick to deadlines
- Help students select a problem to solve
- Teach collaboration and cooperative skills along the way
- Visit andrews.edu/go/invent: resources, videos, etc.
- Plan an Invention Fair for your school in the spring
- Remember why we are doing this
- Contact us if you get stuck: monica.nudd@gmail.com

