School Age Curricular Framework Easy Sheet







Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics includes providing 21st century skills that prepare children and youth for a global society. It should be hands-on and increase analytical and critical thinking skills. Numeracy is reasoning with numbers and other mathematical concepts. Aspects of numeracy include number sense, operation sense, computation, measurement, geometry, probability and statistics.

Rationale

- ★ Opportunities for Collaboration and teamwork
- ★ Ability to express creativity and imagination
- ★ Demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills
- ★ Understand how the world works
- ★ Plan implement, interpret results of experiments
- ★ Hypothesis and record observations
- ★ Understand mathematical concepts
- ★ Applying mathematics to everyday experiences
- ★ Ability to use mathematical ideas effectively
- ★ Incorporates numerical, special, graphical and statistical concepts
- ★ Communicate mathematical reasoning

Examples

Materials

- ★ UConn STEM resources for Teachers
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Activities

- ★ Build bridges out of different materials and test the strength
- ★ Speed stacking
- ★ Testing buoyancy of toys and objects in a water tub
- ★ Paper airplane flying and creation
- ★ Jenga and other balancing/building games

Interactions

- ★ Set up partnerships with STEM content experts (For Example Mad Science)
- ★ conduct simple experiments
 - Ask what the students think the outcome will be
 - Create/ write hypothesis with kids

★ Notes for Next Time: (time used, reactions to activity, staff/children interactions)

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- ★ Afterschool Alliance http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/STEM-curriculum.cfm
- ★ You for Youth (math, literacy, science, arts, technology, homework) https://y4y.ed.gov/en/toolkits/afterschool/math