PBS KIDS Family And Community Learning: Cultivating Innovation, Playfulness And STEM Skills In Early Learners

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What Parents Talk About When They Talk About Learning

• 99% see themselves as playing an important role in their children’s education

• 70% are “very confident” in their ability to support core school readiness skills

• 50% are “very confident” in their ability to support their children’s science learning.
The Ready to Learn Project:

Model + ready to use activities meant to engage families, children, and educators in learning experiences at home, in preschool and in out-of-school settings.
Ready to Learn + STEM

THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESS

- Define a Problem
- Imagine & Plan
- Create
- Test
- Improve
- Communicate & Collaborate
Ready to Learn + STEM
The Ready to Learn Project + Westby?

- Westby demographics
- Partnership & Connections
- Goals alignment
Family & Community Learning Model

- Four consecutive weeks
- Same 8 families
- STEM and Literacy Focused
- Deepened parent engagement
- PBS KIDS Show, Apps, and Hands-on Play
- Take home sheets or books
Potential Obstacles

- Finding & Compensating facilitators
- Cost for supplies
- Venue scouting & materials storage
- Recruiting & sustaining families
- Calendar: choosing wisely
Benefits & Opportunities

• Partnership + collaboration
• Online materials
• Opening school beyond school day & extending school calendar
• Relationship and community building
• Reliable, trustworthy resources
Reflections
Ready to Learn Camps

- Added to summer course catalogue
- Flexible format
  - All-day or half-day
  - Weekly or one week
- Kids-only
Where can I find Ready to Learn Resources?

- **Website:**

- Odd Squad “Be the Agent” Camp & Ruff Ruffman Sensational Science Camp

- Scratch Jr, Play and Learn Science, Cat in the Hat, and Ruffman Family & Community Learning Workshops

- Coming soon: Molly of Denali and Ready Jet Go!
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