Integration of STEM Practices
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2. Integration between content areas and STEAM
3. Novel engineering
The engineering design process is everywhere.
Math Word Problem Process

ASK
Understand the problem. What do you know? What are the facts from the problem?

RESEARCH
What do you need to find out?

IMPROVE
Use estimation to check if your answer is reasonable or use another strategy to check your work. Write your answer in a complete sentence.

IMAGINE
Draw a picture or diagram.

CREATE
Show your work to solve the problem.

PLAN
What are the steps needed to solve? What operations do you need to use?
Novel Engineering—integrate literacy with STEAM

★ Inspired by kids and grounded in research
★ Innovative approach to integrate engineering and literacy in elementary and middle school
★ Uses *existing* classroom literature—stories, novels, and expository texts—as the basis for engineering design challenges that help them identify problems, design realistic solutions
★ Engage in the Engineering Design Process while reinforcing their literacy skills.
Launch your unit right

Look at this picture for 30 seconds. Write down what you notice, what you can infer, and any questions you have.

Social Studies Integration
## Research

Think beyond reading passages

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Imagine

Brainstorm “what if” possibilities for the final product and choose the best idea.

Writing Integration: Sentence stems to explain their ideas

*The idea we chose is _______. We think it is the best option because _______.*
Plan

Writing integration: make a list of procedural steps (check for clarity to make sure others could follow it!)
Product

Language Integration: must use vocab words in description of the final product, and speaking skills when presenting

Essay

Writing Integration: Write an informational essay whose prompt is based on the research from the second phase of the engineering design process.
**Improve**

**ELA Integration**
Read other students’ products and provide feedback.

**Writing Integration**
Fill in sentence stems to provide meaningful feedback.

*I loved __________, and I’m wondering if next time you could ________.*

**Vocabulary Integration**
Require students to incorporate the vocabulary words into their feedback.
Integration Practices of STEM

There are numerous ways to get the biggest bang for your buck when implementing STEM.

By planning ahead, you can use your time efficiently to practice numerous skills across the curriculum during a STEM unit.
Mindset Matters
Kilpatrick—Mindset Matters

1. Mindset Matters
2. Yes and...
3. Fun Theory
What characteristics, mindsets, and perspectives do you think make a quality STEAM teacher/innovator?

Scan to participate :)
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Results
STEM Mindset

Per the NSTA:

Someone with a positive STEM mindset necessarily possesses a **growth mindset**—the idea your intelligence isn’t fixed and you can get smarter by putting in effort. Those with a growth mindset possess grit, perseverance, and embrace learning from failure—no doubt a beneficial outlook for STEM students and practitioners as they question and investigate to understand phenomena, or design and evaluate solutions to new problems.

Habits of Mind

_**Habits of mind**—a “set of problem solving, life related skills, necessary to effectively operate in society and promote strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity and craftsmanship”_
Yes and...
FUN THEORY

Videos of the fun theory in action

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SByymar3bds
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcaKocRXCB4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWwee62DW3U
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHLgSfxz6bQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ydb0qCucqk
Conclusion

Rockets
Microbes
And Electricity, Oh My!

As we move to our STE(A)M sessions we will pass through our 5th Grade hallway—past the gardens—and into our Lab Buildings for rotations.