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Grades 1-2

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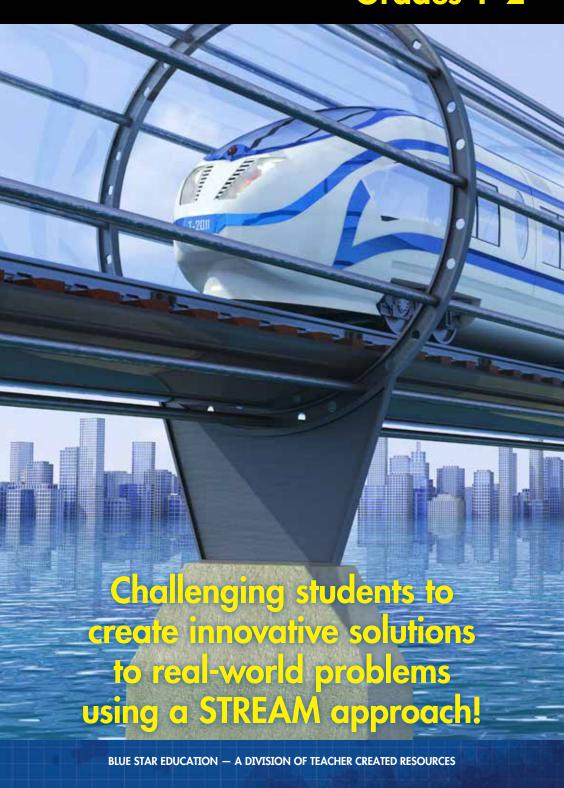
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CHALLENGING STUDENTS TO BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION

ECO-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION

In this going-green project, students will use *Balloon Cars STEM Starters* as a stepping-stone to creating a form of eco-friendly public transportation.



WHAT DOES MainSTREAM Science REALLY OFFER?

A stress-free approach to bringing STREAM into the classroom by using a **project-based learning platform** that incorporates the **engineering design process** and establishes **clear criteria and constraints!**



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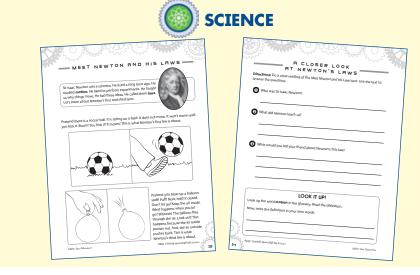
- guidance on how to serve as project-based learning coaches and facilitators
- step-by-step lessons that provide scaffolding for students
- suggestions for best practices regarding project-based learning
- an efficient way of connecting multiple disciplines and meeting content standards

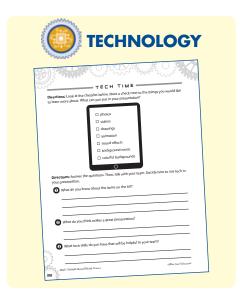
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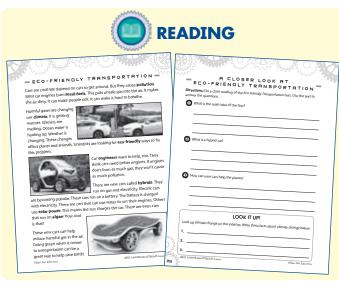
- the ability to apply STREAM-based practices to real-world solutions global issues
- the opportunity to grow intellectually and emotionally using a collaborative, problem-solving mindset
- exciting and engaging activities that enhance critical and creative-thinking skills

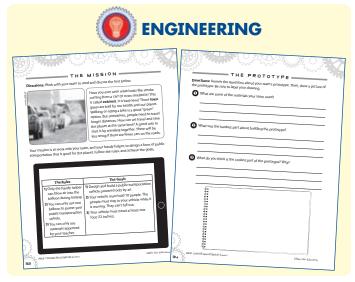


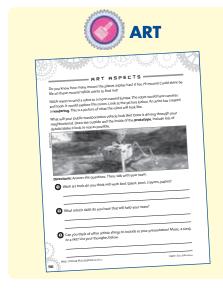
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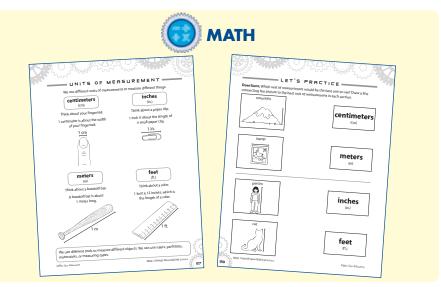












Using the Right Tools to Ensure Success

The Teacher's Guide



A project-based learning method organized into 8 easy-to-follow steps!



1. Building a Team

2. Learning the Facts

3. Making Real-World Connections

4. Conducting Investigations

5. Building Prototypes

6. Preparing Presentations

7. Presenting to Peers

8. Reflecting

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Unit 4: Practice Makes Perfect

The Plan Balloon Car Ideas Balloon Car Challenge Balloon Car Notes Units of Measurement Let's Practice. Balloon Car Data Let's Assess #2 Think, Write, Talk Second Journal Unit 5: Here We Go!

The Plan

The Mission Mission Notes The Prototype Think, Write, Talk

Unit 6: Preparing for the Show

The Plan Art Aspects Flver. Tech Time Final Checklist Let's Assess #3 Think, Write, Talk

Unit 7: Showtime! The Plan

Look and Listen Think, Write, Talk

Unit 8: Let's Reflect

The Plan Post-Project Questions Think, Write, Talk Last Journal .

Appendix Rubrics

Corresponding Pages Chart Student Glossary Student Survey

INTRODUCTION IMPLEMENTATION (cont.) TEACHER'S GUIDE (cont.) UNIT 1 **Getting Started** Students are introduced to the content and structure of the project. They are placed into their teams and will get to know their team members through various activities and exercises. Learning the Facts Teams learn about the science behind the topic as well as the topic itself. They will learn about Newton and his laws. Teams will observe and analyze a brief science demonstration to stir up excitement for the project. In the Real World Teams connect the challenge to the real world. Through

real-life examples, they come to understand how and why eco-friendly cars are used today and what lies ahead for transportation in the future. Practice Makes Perfect Teams delve into the engineering aspects of the project as they work with the STEM Starters packs to build an air-powered car. They will learn the importance of trial and error, and will come to see that there is often more than one way to solve a problem. They will make educated guesses and come to understand why taking risks can be a good thing.

Teams brainstorm and develop their proposed solutions to the problem. They will plan, test, retest, and problem-solve as they build their eco-friendly public transportation prototypes. UNIT 6 Preparing for the Show Teams plan and create their presentations. This includes slide-show presentations, which may also involve videos, diagrams, animations, etc. Encourage teams to be creative and employ the technology that is available to them. UNIT 7 Showtime!

Teams present their proposed solutions to the class, receive feedback, make modifications, and then present once more to a larger audience. UNIT 8 Let's Reflect The class comes together to debrief and discuss the project and

its takeaways. Students write about and discuss their personal growth during the project, the pros and cons of the project, and how what they have learned along the way will help them in the years to come.

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UNIT 5

Here We Go!

Teachers as Coaches—A Guided Plan for Every Unit

GETTING STARTED

UNIT 1: GETTING STARTED

THE PLAN =

SUMMARY

In this unit, an entry event will kick off the project to help spark students' interest. Students will then learn the content and structure of the project and be placed in teams.

Once in their teams, students will be given roles and learn the rules for this project. They will get to know their team members through various team-building activities and begin completing activity sheets together.

TEAM GOALS understand the objectives and

and rules

get to know team members

CONTENT OBJECTIVES

- steps of the project Students will follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining learn the team roles
 - guest speaker or video (see Step 1, page 15) bag of toothpicks, 50 mini marshmallows (per group, see Step 8, page 16) chart paper, marker, and a picture of an object (per group, see Step 8, page 16) 20–30 plastic cusp (per group, see Step 8, page 16) colorful markers or colored pencils
 - the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion

SUPPORTIVE SUGGESTIONS

When introducing and explaining the project, be enthusiastic. Speak with gusto! This project is a big undertaking. You want your students to feel eager and excited rather than overwhelmed and

Encourage questions, and be available to answer them. You may choose to set aside class time to answer group guestion

 $Monitor\ group\ interactions\ as\ much\ as\ possible\ to\ ensure\ that\ everyone\ is\ participating\ and\ fulfilling\ their\ individual\ roles.$

DRIVING QUESTION

ve design a form of public transportation that is good for the environment?

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Step-by-step / guidance for both

teachers and students!

GETTING STARTED

THE PLAN (cont.) STEP-BY-STEP

ENTRY EVENT

1 Launch the eco-friendly public transportation project-based learning challenge by engaging students in the topic. A great way to do this is to have a guest speaker (an engineer, scientist, or automotive designer) talk to the class about their job. If no such speakers are available, consider showing a video of different eco-friendly cars followed by a lively class discussion on the topic. (Note: There are numerous videos available on YouTube. One great example is Pat Boone presenting an air-powered car on "Shark Tank." Be sure to watch any video in its entirety to check for grade-level appropriateness before sharing it with the class.)

PROJECT NOTEBOOKS

2 Distribute a Project Notebook to each student. Have students write their names on the first page. Explain that they need to keep careful track of their notebooks. They should be with students at all times in class (unless they are with the teacher to check work). Stress the importance of not losing or damaging the Project Notebooks because these will contain all their notes, thoughts, and assignments pertaining to the project.

OVERVIEW

- Before explaining the project they are about to embark on, begin by giving students a couple of tips on how to take notes in a journal. The notes and journaling pages in the Project Notebooks vary in style. The goal of the journals is to give students a place to record their notes and thoughts in creative and fun ways. Share some of the images and ideas from the *Taking Notes* sheet (page 18) with students to help get them excited about taking notes.
- Have students turn to pages 3 and 4 in their Project Notebooks. Tell them you will be going over the Project Overview sheet (page 19) with them and you would like them to take some notes on the notes page as you speak. Explain to students that they will be placed into teams and will nee to work with their team members, over an extended period of time, to design an eco-friendly form of public transportation. Read the driving question out loud to students. Tell them that during the course of the project, they will read, research, conduct experiments, build models, create tech-driven presentations, and much, much more. You may wish to share with the class the PBL diagram included in the introduction on page 7. Ask the class if they have any initial questions or concerns regarding the project.

Note: You may wish to go over each rubric in the appendix with the class (pages 91–93). It is important that students understand exactly what is expected of them throughout the course of the project. Refer back to the rubrics repeatedly to help set goals for students and help guide them toward those goals.

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GETTING STARTED

THE PLAN (cont.)

STEP-BY-STEP (cont.)

GETTING IN TEAMS

5 You have enough STEM Starters materials and Project Notebooks for six teams of five students When placing students into teams, take into consideration students' social-awareness skills, personalities, work ethics, and leadership abilities. After students have been placed into their be somaines, won extension accuracy pointies. Are a students nave even paced into their teams, go over the Team Roles and Rules sheet (page 21). Ask a volunteer to read the rules written on the gears. Ask a different volunteer to read the roles and descriptions. You can either assign students roles or let the teams decide amongst themselves.

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

- Have students fill out the Meet Me activity sheet (page 22). You may consider filling out one yourself to help students get to know you a little better and to serve as an example to students. Allow students time to complete the sheet either in class or at home. Next, have students take turns sharing the information from their sheets with their team members. Have them record notes about their team members on the Meet My Team Notes activity sheet (page 23). Encourage teams to have a friendly discussion about likes, dislikes, and things they have in common with one another. At this time, have the team reporters share a little bit about each team member with the rest of the class.
- Once the roles have been decided and students have gotten to know one another, ask each team to brainstorm ideas for a team name, a team motto, and a team logo. Have them work together to complete the Team Talk activity sheet (page 24). Have team reporters present their team's name, motto, and logo to the class.

TEAM BUILDING

8 Have teams engage in one or more of the following team-building activities.

Build It!	Draw It!	Stack It!	
Distribute to each team a bag of toothpicks and 50 mini marshmallows. Each team must build a self-standing tower using all the marshmallows. The tallest tower that remains standing wins!	Distribute one sheet of chart paper and a marker to each team's recorder. Provide each team's reporter with a picture to draw. The reporter must describe the picture to the recorder without naming it. As the team recorder draws, the other team members try to quess the picture.	Distribute 20–30 plastic cups to each team. Challenge them to create the tallest tower they can without it tipping over. The team with the tallest tower wins!	
remains standing wins.	The first team to guess correctly wins.	torici mila	

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GETTING STARTED

THE PLAN (cont.)

STEP-BY-STEP (cont.)

WORKING AS A TEAM

- 9 Following the team-building activities, have students complete the Working Together sheet (page 25) independently. Then, have them share their sheets and discuss their answers with one another. If time permits, have each team's reporter provide a quick summary of what their team discussed with the class
- Have students complete the Pre-Project Questions (page 26) independently. This is a great opportunity to assess group dynamics and catch any early signs of problems within the groups. When students have finished, have them meet with their groups to talk about how they feel about embarking on this team project together.

THINK, WRITE, TALK

Have students complete the *Think, Write, Talk* sheet for this unit (page 27). Have them think about all activities and assignments they completed in this unit.

How do they feel about this project (nervous, excited)? What do they like about this project? How do

In the "Think" section, have students generate a few doodles and drawings to help get their thoughts down on paper. In the "Write's escion, have them put those thoughts into words. And for the "Talk' section, have them put those thoughts into words. And for the "Talk' section, have them discuss their thoughts and feelings with their team in one final team discussion for the unit. Ask them to write one thing they talked about in this section.

ODDS & ENDS

<u>Timeline</u>: Create a rough timeline for the project. Have a firm end date so you can schedule and prepare for the presentations. Would you like this project to be completed in a few months? A er? A school year? Take into consideration how much class time can be devoted to the project. Once you have a timeline, share important dates with students and parents.

<u>Tech Tip:</u> Consider creating a Google Calendar for the project. Share it with your students and their everyone informed and on the same page.

Note: If your school does not already have Google Classroom, consider looking into it. It is free and is excellent for projects such as this

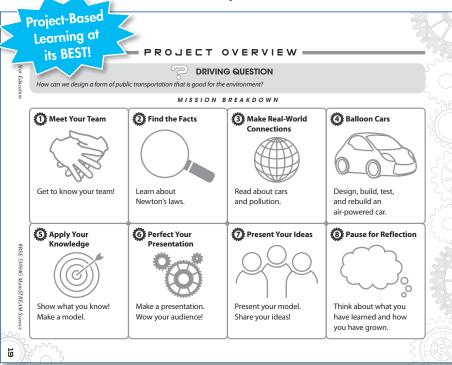
"Classroom helps students and teachers organize assignments, boost collaboration, and foster better communication."

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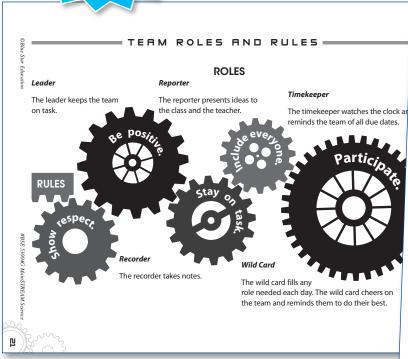
Students as Collaborative Learners and Problem Solvers

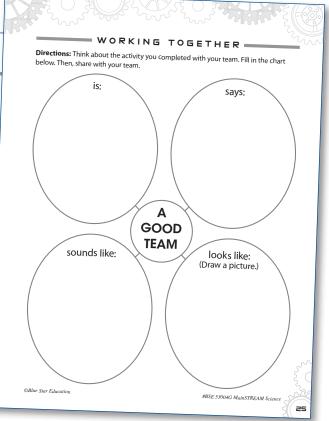
Collaboration • Cooperation • Communication • Creative and Critical Thinking





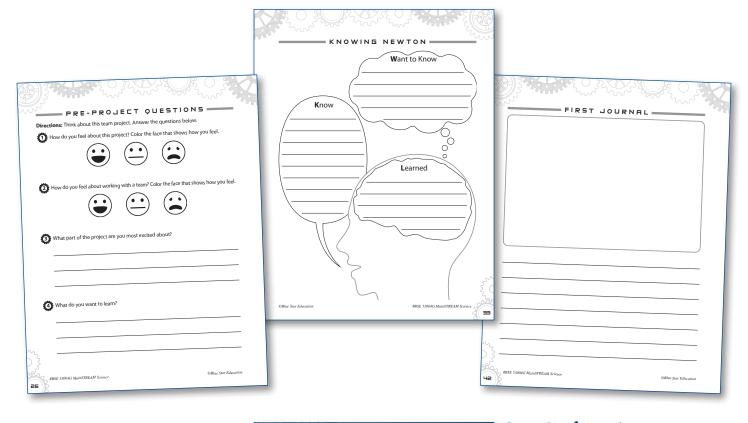
SUCCESS through TEAMWORK! Team-building activities support Social-Emotional Learning throughout the program!

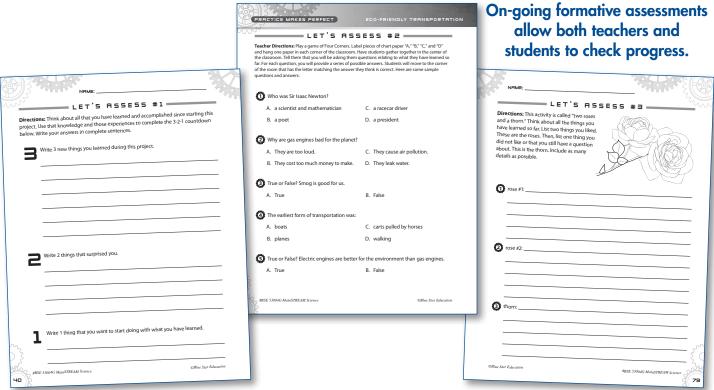




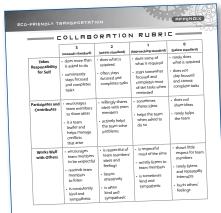
Resources for Writing and Assessments

Reflective, research, and observational writing opportunities are provided for all levels.

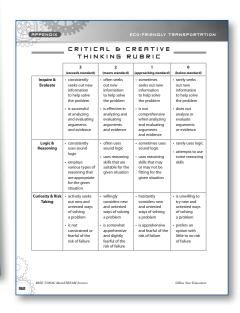


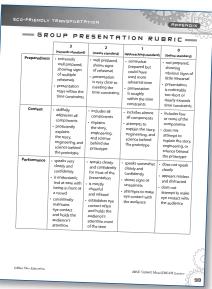


Rubrics—Defining Expectations

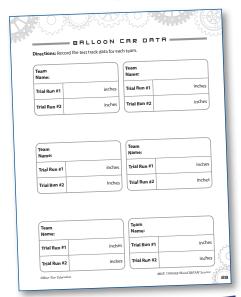


of rubrics provide teachers and students with specific expectations.





MISSION NOTES



STEM STARTERS



Project Notebooks
help keep information organized
and in one place by offering students
a place to record their notes and
thoughts throughout the
learning process.

STEM Starters

With STEM Starters, students are given essential pieces of a much larger puzzle. They decide on additional materials to include in their build—a build that is limited only by their imaginations! Instructions are purposely left out of the building activity to create an entirely new and rewarding experience in which students learn the value of failure and risk-taking. Students will learn that there is often more than one way to solve a problem.