



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

STEAM is an afternoon program for children in the TK and 4s classes that recognizes and celebrates each child's natural curiosity about the world and how it works. Children may attend 2,3 or 4 afternoons (Monday - Thursday) from 12:30-3 pm.

The program is rooted in our philosophy of learning through play and is developmentally appropriate for young children. The focus is on asking questions based on weekly themes. We will answer these questions by conducting experiments, designing and utilizing simple tools, building structures, counting, measuring, exploring shapes and patterns, and working with various art media. Themes will include apples, bats, fire safety, fairy tales, dinosaurs, oviparous animals, winter, reptiles and insects.

The goal is for the children to see themselves as active participants in their own learning who have the ability to identify problems, come up with solutions and share their discoveries.

Keeping in mind that the children are still very young, each afternoon will also include a story related to the theme, rest time, a snack and plenty of time to play and explore outdoors (or in our rainy day room).

There will also be lots of opportunities in this hands-on program for the children to make friends, participate in the care of the classroom and practice important social skills, including listening, sharing, taking turns, speaking kindly and respecting another's personal space.



Dismissal will be from the TK classroom at 3 pm. At the end of each week parents will receive an email detailing the questions of the week and how we tried to answer them. We look forward to some fun and interesting problem solving!

For more information about the STEAM program, please contact Jane Dalton at janemdaltan@optonline.net or Deirdre Tarrant at director@glenrockcoop.org.