



What it is PBS KIDS Family Creative Learning?

PBS KIDS Family Creative Learning is a series of workshops that engage families in a project-based creative process. Designed for families with children ages 5-8 (and younger/older siblings), the series uses creative play to introduce both kids and grownups to exciting digital and tangible tools that they can use to develop computation and engineering knowledge, practices, and perspectives as they imagine, plan, design, and create their own child-led projects. The series aims to support and foster collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills among family members while empowering them to create and express themselves with media and technology.

Why PBS KIDS Family Creative Learning?

Children are naturally curious and creative, constantly attempting to make sense of their world. Early STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning should be a direct extension of that curiosity, exploration, and creativity. It should champion and support active engagement where children have the opportunity to take initiative for their own learning; where they are free to ask questions, explore, investigate, express themselves, and share their ideas as they grow and learn. And the grown-ups in children's lives have a huge supporting role to play in the development of these skills and practices.

PBS KIDS Family Creative Learning is a way of demystifying STEM as families engage in a fun, creative, and interest-driven process. As families create together, facilitators are there to support the experience; modeling, discussing, and pointing out the STEM learning as it's happening while providing grown-ups with experiences and tools that they can use to support their children's learning throughout the series and beyond.

Where did it come from?

PBS KIDS Family Creative Learning is inspired by the model developed by Ricarose Roque at the MIT Media Lab. Equally interested in finding ways to engage families in multi-generational content creation and invention utilizing media and technology, Ricarose's work is focused on families with children ages 8-14. To learn more about the original Family Creative Learning please visit <http://family.media.mit.edu/>

Access PBS KIDS FCL materials for free at goo.gl/unm1cC

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