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STEM Starts Early: Grounding Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education in Early Childhood

Tomorrow’s problem solvers are preschoolers today. STEM Starts Early is a new report from the Joan Ganz Cooney Center and New America Ed that highlights the importance of providing STEM learning opportunities to all young children.

We’ve found consensus among researchers and policymakers that investing in our children’s early exposure to and understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math concepts has the potential to pay off exponentially. Read the report for recommendations on how to make this a reality, and check out Sowing the Seeds for Successful STEM Learning in Early Childhood by Research Fellow Elisabeth McClure for more details.

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New Infographic: Families Play Both Board/Card Games and Digital Games Together

In a digital age, what role do board games like Monopoly or Clue play in family life? Our latest infographic explores the mix of games that families report playing together.

Plus, Top Tech Mom founder Jeana Lee Tahnk shares her take on family game night in the 21st century.

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A STEM Story for Early STEM Learning

FrameWorks Institute founder Susan Nall Bales shares the four story components that scientists, teachers, and advocates need to know in order to convey the importance of STEM learning to the public—and address many widely-held misconceptions.

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Kicking Off the 2017 National STEM Video Game Challenge

The 6th annual National STEM Video Game Challenge is now accepting student submissions of original, playable video games and game design documents! The deadline to submit entries is May 1, 2017 and each winner will receive a cash prize of $1,000. This year the STEM Challenge also welcomes a new partner, Games for Change (G4C), an organization that promotes games for social impact, and prize category around “games for good.”

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Upcoming Events

- **Webinar: How and Why to Integrate STEM into Early Childhood Education** | March 15
  Join experts from the Joan Ganz Cooney Center, New America, Digital Promise, and the Early Childhood STEM Working Group for a panel discussion of the latest research findings on the importance and impact of early STEM, along with practical recommendations for implementation.

- **Webinar: What’s Next for STEM Education? Boosting Teachers and Teaching** | March 16
  Teachers play a critical role in providing STEM learning opportunities, but barriers abound. Don't miss this wide-ranging discussion of the grand challenges in STEM teaching—and what they mean for policy making at the local, state, and federal levels.

View the Cooney Center Events Calendar

What We're Reading

- [Spatial Skills: A Neglected Dimension of Early STEM Education](#)
- [In the “Digital Wild West,” Quality Educational Apps Aren’t Easy to Find](#)
- [Our Favorite Learning Apps for Tablets and Smartphones](#)
- [In Call for Early STEM Learning, Libraries Cited as Potential ‘Charging Stations’](#)

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