How to Establish Learning Trajectories for Effective Early STEM Instruction

Understanding the natural developmental progressions of kids is essential to creating effective learning environments. On the blog, Douglas Clements and Julie Sarama break down the three components of learning trajectories necessary to facilitate that process.

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2 New Kids’ App Recommendations from the App Fairy

Don’t miss the latest from the App Fairy podcast, hosted by children’s librarian and expert Media Mentor Carissa Christner! Stream Episode Four to hear Nosy Crow founder Kate Wilson share her take on innovation, classic fairytales, and maintaining quality through strategic app testing. Then, check out Episode Five to learn how app developer Originator is utilizing a lovable and irreverent cast of made-up monsters to teach vocabulary, math, and more.

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A Checklist for Evaluating Diverse Media via Kidmap

What does diverse and inclusive digital media for children look like? The new Kids’ Inclusive and Diverse Media Action Project—Kidmap—presents a research-backed checklist designed to help reviewers, educators, librarians, and caregivers find and create digital media that is high quality and relevant to families with a variety of experiences.

Get the Checklist »

67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA)

Attending the ICA Conference this week? Check out these panels featuring staff and friends of the Joan Ganz Cooney Center:

- On Thursday, the Cooney Center is co-hosting the Invention & Intervention: Blending Research with Practice to Develop Effective Media for Youth preconference with the Center for Research on Children, Adolescents, and the Media at the University of Amsterdam and the Center on Media & Human Development at Northwestern University.

  Lori Takeuchi will moderate a panel discussion, “Blending Research with Practice: Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk.” Jennifer Kotler of Sesame Workshop will also speak about the importance of diversity in children’s media in “Meeting the Diverse Needs of Youth Today.”
• Vikki Katz will participate in Friday’s panel, “How Parental Digital Skills and Values Influence Approaches to Mediation,” in addition to a paper discussion during Saturday morning’s panel, “The Family Media Climate: How Parents (And Children!) Shape the Media Ecology of the Home.”

• Researcher Tamara Spiewak Toub will share findings from recent Cooney Center research in Monday’s panel, “It’s Hard Out There for a Parent: Negotiating the Child’s Media Landscape.”

Upcoming Events

• Dust or Magic App Camp | June 2–4
  A gathering of top children’s interactive designers, editors and reviewers who review the year and critique the field.

• Jean Piaget Society Annual Meeting | June 8–10
  Cooney Center Senior Fellow Sarah Vaala will present “Navigating the world of digital apps: How parents choose apps for young children” at the Taming Technology session on June 8 at 3pm.

View more on the Cooney Center Events Calendar

What We’re Reading

• How to Help Your Kids Get Excited About Math

• 4 Things Everyone Should Know About Early STEM Learning

• ‘Under-Connectedness’ Hurts Students with Only Mobile Internet Access at Home

• Decades Worth Of Pre-K Studies, One Strong Message: Public Preschool is Critical to Student Success