



# Child's Play



Newsletter

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Child's Play Newsletter! We hope you and your little learners are embracing the longer and warmer days!

In this newsletter, we are excited to share that our new "*Growing with KIBO – A Progressive Robotics Curriculum for Grades K–2*"! is being shipped! This comprehensive guide includes 60 hours of lessons to use throughout the year when using KIBO.



Also enclosed, you will see ideas on using your end of year monies, fun activities and lesson plans for your summer programs, our Spring corporate events, and KIBO media coverage (including an Atlanta CBS news segment as well as a BBC Documentary!). And check out our Spring Special below!

We look forward to continuing to provide playful and fun STEAM learning to children everywhere. Please stay in touch on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

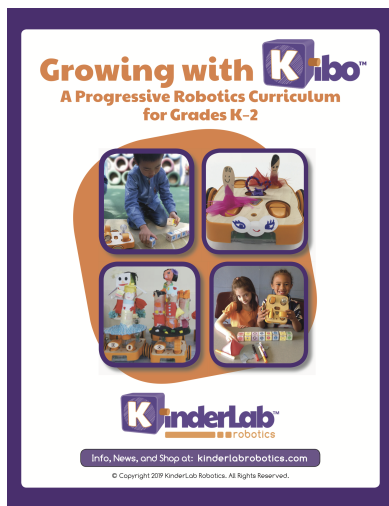
Mitch Rosenberg  
Co-Founder and CEO

P.S. – We hope you can join us during Simple K–12's Free online PD event on April 6th – "[Big Ideas for Little Learners: Encouraging Growth and Play in Your Classroom](#)". Please forward to those that could benefit from learning about KIBO!

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## It's Here! It's Here! Get Your 'Growing with KIBO' Curriculum Guide!

Have you heard? Our new curriculum guide, *Growing with KIBO – A Progressive Robotics Curriculum for Grades K–2* is shipping! This comprehensive guide provides educators with a complete, sequenced curriculum covering robotics, coding, and computational thinking. Each level of this curriculum — *Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced* — provides educators with 20 sequenced hours of standards-aligned lesson plans per level, for a total of 60 hours of



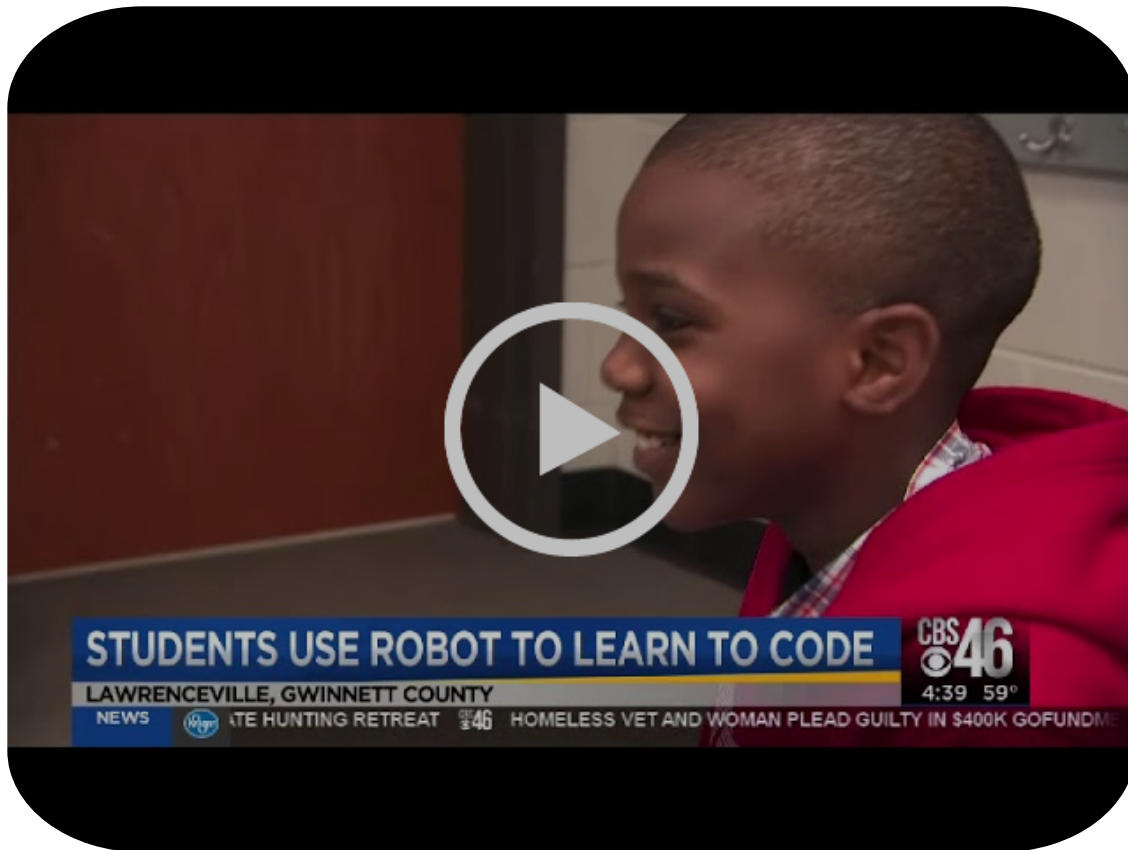
curriculum.

Order Today!



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Watch KIBO on ABC News in Atlanta!



Dr. Julie Wilkerson from McKendree Elementary in Lawrenceville, GA invited CBS News Atlanta into her classroom to share all they are doing with KIBO!

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We Can Help You Spend End of Year Funds!

Have you found any left-over money that you have to spend by the end of the year? If you find even a few dollars left over that you would like to use, we have many options.

Not only can you purchase a [KIBO Kit](#) or [Classroom Package](#), but should you already have purchased KIBO, we have released several Extension Sets, Modules, and Curriculum books that increase both fun and learning value. These include:



- [Modules and Extension Sets](#) – Play bin–ball with the Free Throw Extension Set; draw circles, squares, and spirals with a Marker Extension Set; create a Lego® masterpiece with our Building Brick Extension Set
- [Curriculum and Teacher Materials](#) – We have plenty of curriculum to enhance your KIBO use
- [Extra Blocks](#) – Add more blocks for additional coding commands
- [Art Platforms](#) – Let creativity shine with additional art platforms

There is something for everyone and for every budget! [Let us know](#) if we can help and create a package just for you!

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## Spring Special!



For the month of April, if you purchase two or more KIBO robot kits, we will throw in a copy of the *Creating with KIBO* Curriculum Guide!\*

This comprehensive, research-based guide offers up to 40 hours of curriculum for PreK–2nd grade classrooms. The curriculum is aligned with Common Core and state CS standards. Detailed lesson plans get teachers up and running quickly to introduce coding, robotics, and engineering concepts with KIBO. Get started right away with using KIBO!

(\*This special is applied to individual KIBO kit orders, not classroom packages, and is limited to one guide per order. Quantities are limited, so get them before they are gone! When we run out, the offer will end. Offer expires 4/30/19.)

**Order Your Kits Today! ➔**

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## Fun Summer Programs Ideas and Lesson Plans

Since KIBO can be used in so many ways – sky's the limit! Here is a sampling of some of the fun KIBO activities students of all ages might enjoy this summer.

**KIBO Bowling – Crash!** How far does KIBO have to move to get from the start of the bowling lane to the pins? Students will use prediction, estimation and measurement to create a program to travel the length of the lane.

**KIBO Dance Party –** Let's have a KIBO Robot dance party! Set up a music player to play a favorite classroom song, or a song connected to a world culture you're exploring. Students will decorate their KIBO and create a program to teach their KIBO to dance to the music.



**KIBO Zoo –** What zoo animal can they create? KIBO can be decorated as a zoo animal the child is learning about or is interested in, they can create their 'habitat' and program their KIBO to act as that animal.



**KIBO Community –** Using a community type floor map, or the children can create their own map, they can turn their KIBO into a 'car' or 'bus' and make their way from one part of the community to another.



**KIBO Off-Road –** KIBO can be turned into an off-road vehicle! Kids can even create their own obstacle course and see how their KIBO off-road vehicle can maneuver around the course!

**Download Activities! ➔**

## Recent Media Coverage

In addition to the ABC News segment above, here are some news highlights:

- [BBC World Programme Documentary, RoboLife](#) – Explores the growing role of robots in education in Singapore and Japan.
- [eSchoolNews – Designing a K-5 robotics class from the ground up](#) – One educator's approach to providing robotics for every grade.



- [The Boston Globe: Why Kindergartners Need to Learn to Code](#) – See our co-founder and Chief Scientist, Dr. Marina Bers' article to learn more about the research behind KIBO.
- [eSchoolNews: Why We Love Our Coding & Robotics Tools](#) – Educators discuss ways to “get your STEAM on”.
- [Boston Parents Paper: Rise of the Robots](#) – KIBO was reviewed and included in the article finding the “difference between the truly educational kits and the plastic junk.”
- [Tech & Learning: What's New Roundup from BETT, FETC, and TCEA](#) – KinderLab's new Progressive Guide was included in this summary of new tools for schools.
- [Orlando News 6: This is the Future of Education](#) – KIBO was featured in a news segment about products to support the future of education.

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## KIBO is on the Go at These Spring events!

### Upcoming Webinar

We hope you can join us at the FREE Online Training Event on April 6th – Simple K-12's "Big Ideas for Little Learners: Encouraging Growth and Play in Your Classroom". Our session, "*STEAM Learning Through Play! Screen-free Coding & Robotics for Young Learners with KIBO*", is taking place at 11am (EST). [Sign up today!](#)



### Upcoming Corporate Events

- NSBA 2019 Annual Conference – March 30–31, Philadelphia, PA
- Wellesley STEM Expo – April 6th, Wellesley, MA
- Ready at 5 – Spring School Readiness Symposium, April 12th, Linthicum, MD
- TCEA Early Technology Conference – June 10 – 11, Galveston, TX
- STEMpalooza – June 18 – 20, Kennesaw, GA
- ISTE 2019 – June 23 – 26, Philadelphia, PA



See more information on these [events and our activities](#).

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## Want to share your experiences with KIBO?



We love to hear from our customers and learn some of the interesting and creative things they are doing with KIBO. Please check out the [KIBO Resources](#) website to see the classroom stories and activity ideas submitted by teachers.

[Share your own stories, ideas and insights](#) to help inspire others!



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