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Child's Play Newsletter - February 2020

Dear Christina,

Welcome to the February edition of the Child's Play Newsletter! Whether you are a current customer or not, we hope the content in this newsletter is valuable as we share what's new with [KIBO](#) - the screen-free STEAM robot, industry information, and resources for educators of young children.

Below you will learn about our new KIBO Extension bundle to extend the play and the learning, some recent press (including a [TV news segment](#) in MN!), a lesson plan idea from a Baltimore school, more on our Advanced Coding Extension Set for taking the next step with KIBO , and so much more!



We look forward to continuing to provide playful and fun STEAM learning to children everywhere, and making every young child a #KIBOkid! Please stay in touch on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Mitch Rosenberg
Co-Founder and CEO

P.S. - Did you know we now offer **free shipping** on purchases made on orders of over \$100 within the continental United States? Use your end of year funds today! Get your orders (or POs) in today!

How is KIBO Different?

Have you seen our new KIBO Infographic? See the benefits of what the KIBO STEAM robot can do for young learners, including how it helps them with **constructive play, problem solving, critical thinking, hands-on learning**, and more!

[Download the KIBO infographic](#)

[Learn more about the KIBO difference](#)



Fox 9 TV News visits KIBO in Bloomington, MN

[Fox 9 TV News meets KIBO!](#) The educators at Indian Mounds Elementary School welcomed Fox 9 News into their school and shared how their students are **learning the fundamentals of computer science as early as first grade**. Computer Science Teacher Whitney Determan explains, *"The best part about KIBO is that it's hands-on, so the 6-year-olds are literally taking the blocks, putting them together, and seeing the results of what they've coded firsthand."*



Check out all the [KIBO media coverage](#) - both on air and in the press!

Teacher Activity - KIBO Becomes a Space Shuttle



Ready for Liftoff! In this [teacher-submitted lesson/activity](#), read how kindergarten/pre-first (K/P1) students at the Friends School of Baltimore used KIBO to explore the solar system.

The children learned more about Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African-American astronaut who traveled to space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. Using KIBO as the Space Shuttle, they took Dr. Jemison, in LEGO form, on another voyage into space and navigated through their own created solar system.

Transform KIBO to tell stories. What can your KIBO become?

ISTE Industry Article: 6 Reasons for Coding in K-5 Classrooms

This [ISTE blog](#) discusses reasons to start coding early. We couldn't agree more! **6 Reasons include:**

1. It sparks interest
2. It opens up a new domain of knowledge
3. It addresses the gender gap
4. It leverages the magical power of parents
5. It provides momentum for CS curriculum
6. It helps students address the ISTE Standards for Students*



* KIBO's 60-hour K-2 core curriculum *Growing with KIBO* [aligns to ISTE Standards for Students](#).

Advanced Coding: Moving to Upper Elementary with KIBO

KIBO's [Advanced Coding Extension Set](#) allows KIBO to go even further than you thought possible! Children who have learned Pre-K - 2nd grade computer science with KIBO can take their next steps with KIBO too. Our Advanced Coding Extension Set supports a Pre-K - 5 computer science pathway by addressing upper elementary computer science concepts. **With the Advanced Coding Extension Set, children can explore:**

- 1) **Subroutines** - "I created my own block for KIBO!" Children can assign any KIBO sequence to a blank "subroutine" block, then use that block in their KIBO programs.
- 2) **Randomness** - "Let's play a game!" - This new card makes KIBO's repeat loop run a random number of times. Kids can teach KIBO to play "Duck, Duck, Goose" or spin KIBO a random number of times. Who knows who will be "it"?
- 3) **Conditionals** - "My firetruck needs to head to the fire if it sees a flash. But if no flash, it goes to the station!" With the new "If Not" block, children can tell KIBO to do one thing if a sensor is triggered, and something else if it's not.

Extend the power of KIBO for students who have mastered the standard KIBO kits, and even extend your curriculum into upper elementary school, while staying rooted in KIBO's familiar screen-free, hands-on coding environment.



Request a KIBO Demo Today

Request a **personalized online KIBO demo** today and we can discuss your unique situation and the KIBO package that is right for you and your young learners!

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Order KIBO Today!

KIBO is the perfect robotic it for your young students or learner in the home. **Get KIBO today** to get them on their coding journey with playful, fun, and screen-free STEAM learning!

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Get the KIBO "Bundle of Fun" Extension Package!

We are now offering a new ["Bundle of Fun" Extension Package](#)! This package includes our 4 popular extension sets - Free Throw, Building Brick, Advanced Coding, and Marker - that enhance and extend the KIBO learning experience and the fun. **Bundle KIBO's extension sets and save!**



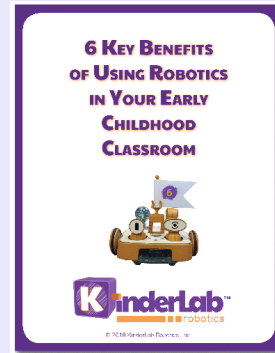
Have You Seen the "KIBO Says" Cards?



Learn KIBO's coding language through engaging unplugged play! Our ["KIBO Says"](#) game is a collection of oversized cards with images of KIBO's programming icons. As children play "KIBO Says," they learn KIBO's programming language by acting out KIBO's movements, sounds, and other commands themselves. **Young ones can even scan the cards, just like the blocks, to bring KIBO to life.** What fun!

Get your FREE Whitepaper - "6 Keys Benefits of Using Robotics in Your Early Childhood Classroom"

Learn more about the **benefits of introducing coding, robotics, and engineering into early childhood classrooms**. Teaching and integrating robotics and coding is easier than you may think, with hands-on, screen-free tools like KIBO. [Download Now](#)



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