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Child's Play Newsletter - May 2020

Wow! What a spring this has been! We are thinking of the dedicated educators, parents, and the young learners we serve - thinking of your safety, courage, dedication, and patience. Between school closures, navigating remote learning, and keeping children engaged, these times have tested us all.

In response, we are providing **resources, support, engaging STEAM activities** for kids at home, **online training**, and **PD** options. Among the support we are getting the most response about are our new efforts to connect schools with potential grants. Read on for more about available **national grants**.

Also below is a **webinar recording** about integrating robotics within your district's technology strategy, our affordable **KIBO rental program** (with a 3-month course!), **curriculum ideas** you can use with KIBO while home, and new **KIBO press!**

Please let us know how you are doing and how we can help through our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) social channels.

Be well, healthy, and safe,
Mitch Rosenberg
Co-Founder and CEO



Watch the Webinar Replay on Integrating Robotics Within Your PreK-5 Technology Strategy

On April 27th, we had the pleasure of hosting the webinar, "[Incorporating Creative Robotics into Your Technology Strategy for PreK-5th Grade](#)", with two leading STEM educators, Jennifer Barker from Newport News Public Schools and Bill Marsland from San Francisco Unified School District. They shared how they use KIBO to help them build a comprehensive computer science pathway from PreK to grade 5. [Watch the recording](#) to learn how you can **integrate robotics to meet your state's Computer Science mandates**.



Grants and Funding Sources

Now more than ever schools need financial help to get the resources and materials they need for their students. We are happy to share these **national grants that you can apply for today!** The deadlines vary, but each of the grants below are available for STEM products for young learners.

- [3M Gives - STEM Education Grant](#)
- [PLTW Grant Program](#)
- [NEA Foundation COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants](#)
- [Honda Community Grants](#)
- [NSF - Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers](#)
- [Toshiba American Foundation Grants for Grades K-5](#)
- [NSF - Computer Science for All](#)
- [Sony Social Responsibility Grants](#)
- [Michael and Susan Dell Foundation](#)



See additional [grants and funding information and helpful documents](#) as you write your grants.

Our COVID-19 Response

We are here to help every step of the way during these challenging times.

We are operating safely and fulfilling KIBO orders as they come in, so you can [make your KIBO purchase](#) with confidence. If you're concerned about safe use of KIBO, please take a look at our comprehensive [instructions on cleaning and disinfecting KIBO](#).

We have lots of other options to support you in this time, all accessible from our [COVID-19 response info page](#), including our KIBO Home Robotics Course "rental" program, engaging screen-free STEAM



activities, resources and games; and information about online training and PD to help teachers respond to all of these new challenges.

See our [full response](#).

Resources, Activities, and Games...Oh My!

As we navigate distance learning for children within the home, we are all looking for activities to help with our "new normal". Here are some **screen-free activities for your young one at home**, whether you have a KIBO robot or not:

- Check out these [educator-submitted resources](#) you can do at home!
- Play these fun [STEM Activities](#).
- These [floor map and creative activities](#) give you and your young learners hands-on fun.
- **Don't have KIBO?** Here are a [few screen-free activities](#) you can do with your child.



Do you have a fun activity you would like to share? We would love to hear it! [Submit it here!](#)

Rent KIBO With Our 3-Month Robotics Course



Want to give your kids a chance to learn with KIBO while they are home? Take advantage of our very [affordable rental program](#) and keep your kids busy learning how to code with our KIBO Home Robotics Course. Bring KIBO to your home and experience creative STEAM play. If you want to keep KIBO when the course ends, you can purchase it at a discount.

[Order your course today!](#)

KIBO in the News

KIBO has been in some high-profile publications and news outlets recently. Check them out!

- **Tech Republic:** [The Top 10 STEM and Tech Gadgets to Keep Kids Entertained This Summer](#)
- **Wall Street Journal:** [The Best Robot Toys for Building Kids' STEM Skills](#)
- **EdTech Digest:** [A Closer Look at Learning with A Great STEAM Tool](#)
- **NBC News/NECN (On-air!):** [KIBO Robot Helps Teach Kids Coding](#)
- **Getting Smart:** [How Hands-On Robotics Brings Science Lessons to Life](#)
- **USA Today:** [32 Incredible Coding Toys That Every Kid Will Want](#)
- **THE Journal:** [STEM Tools, Games and Products to Engage Girls in Pre-K Through Early Elementary School](#)
- **SmartBrief:** [Connecting STEM and Ethics](#)
- **Noggin:** [Yes, Your Kid Can Code!](#)
- **eSchoolNews:** [Using Robots to Bring Science to Life](#)
- **District Administration:** [How a Teacher Codes with Special Needs Students who are Deaf](#)



[See all our media coverage!](#)

Lessons Shared from Dr. Bers' Tufts Class

During the Tufts University's *Technological Tools for Playful Learning* class taught by KinderLab co-founder Dr. Marina Bers, undergraduate and graduate students from across disciplines created, as a final project, a 3-hour literacy-based curriculum for children to learn coding with ScratchJr, Scratch, and KIBO. **See the KIBO lessons below and try them for yourself! These are great activities for students to do at home!**

[KIBO Makes a Movie](#) by Andrew Blacquier, Avery Cohen & Aim Unahalekhaka

During this time, it's important to provide at-home alternatives that push children to think critically and creatively while having fun. In this lesson plan, your child will utilize a variety of media to create an artistic project based on themes that are essential to both computational thinking and early literacy.

[KIBO Fashion Show](#) by Irina Mengqi Wang & Miriam Glasgow

This curriculum is built around creating a diverse supermodel fashion show for KIBO. Children learn what a fashion show is, plan what they want their KIBO to do in the fashion show, program and decorate KIBO, and finally come together to stage the fashion show.

[Hack Your Holiday Tradition](#) by Ryan Weinstein & Mathieu Girard

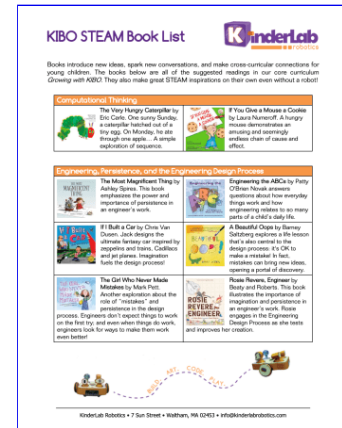
This curriculum gives children the opportunity to use their creativity and imagination to produce a project that is meaningful to them. In this lesson, children will bring their favorite celebration to life through KIBO.

STEAM-Themed Books from Our Curriculum

We have compiled a **list of STEAM-themed books** that we reference in *Growing with KIBO*, our core curriculum guide. This handy list can make preparation for a KIBO unit easier.

But these books are also great to read anytime to inspire young kids' engagement with STEAM concepts. From *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* to *Rosie Revere, Engineer* to *My Friend Robot*, there is a book to match any interest. You can even use KIBO to reenact the stories!

Download the [book list](#) today!



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