Integrating Engineering Design and Thinking Skills into PreK-5 grade interdisciplinary education

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'Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail'. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Agenda for the next 2 days

1	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Teachers as	Teachers as	Teachers as	Teachers as	Teachers as
	students	learners	learners	teachers	teachers
	Intro to	 Continuation of 	Developing	• 6 Hats	Review/
	Engineering	The 3 Little Pigs	thinking	Exercise	reflection
	• The 3 Little	Reflection	skills: <u>Owl</u>	 Development 	Presentations
	<u>Pigs</u>	• MA Frameworks	<u>Moon</u>	of lesson plans	Other activities
		(Science/	Measuring	Discussion of	using Design
		Engineering)	Success	logistics	Thinking
		Connecting		 Create sketch 	Planning
		Math & Science:		models	Celebration/
		Charlotte's Web			reflection



Agenda

- Book choices
- Using "6 Hats" to foster dialogue
- Development of lesson plans
 - Create your lesson plan
 - Run through the steps → design sketches
- Logistics/ Organizing your students and project to be successful

Book Characteristics?

- What kinds of books make good choices for finding design challenges?
- Consider values, finding problems, building models, level of interest to students, etc.

Book Characteristics?

- Richness of character development
- Level of goals/ problems the characters have
- Ease of connection to science and math.
- Societal problems



6 Hats - Ed deBono

- •Use the 6
 Hats strategy
 to select a
 book for
 writing your
 team's lesson
 plan
- •Extension:
 Discuss how
 you might
 use the 6
 Hats in your
 classrooms

White hat thinking identifies the facts, figures and information.
Yellow hat thinking focuses on the positive aspects – the advantages, benefits and savings.
Blue hat thinking focuses on reflection, metacognition (thinking about the thinking that is required), and the need to understand the big picture.
Black hat thinking examines the problems and issues of caution.
Green hat thinking requires creativeness, imagination and lateral thinking. It focuses on exploration, proposals and suggestions.
Red hat thinking looks at a topic from the point of view of emotions and feelings, hunches and intuitions. www.engineeringlens.org

Team Activity ... dialogue

Will the charter school movement help public education?

Develop a position paper with the following categories:

- What we know, What don't we know and what do we need.
- How should they be connected to the public school system for learning?
- What are the benefits and cautions
- What our emotions tell us
- What possibilities could come of it

Take 25 minutes to prepare, 5 minutes to present.

Team Activity ... 6 Hats

 Share how you used the 6 Hats strategy and your ideas for adapting it to your classrooms



Design a sequence of Lessons for your story

 Teams work on lesson plans, including finding design challenges, possible solutions, curricular constraints, requirements, solutions, sketches

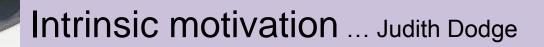
Process:

- Start with your learning objectives & methods of assessment
- Create a unit plan before creating individual lessons
- Go through the steps



Logistics/ Organizing your students and project to be successful

- Graphic: "Creating an Interdisciplinary Based Learning Environment..." - Review
- How would/do you set your students up to work successfully in teams?
- How would you introduce the design process?...How many steps, which ones, etc.
- Discuss in teams & then share with whole class



Teach students to work cooperatively with others.

Give students a voice in classroom decisions.

Provide opportunities for students personal growth

Teach to a variety of learning styles

Provide students with choices

Use a variety of instructional strategies

Offer fun activities that inspire creativity and reduce stress

Four Psychological needs that drive all humans in addition to the need for survival... Glasser

Need	
To belong	Choice of working alone or with others
For power	Put students in charge of what activity to complete
For freedom	Put students in charge of what activity to complete
For fun	Offer creative ways to show-what-they know

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