

reMAKING math education: Moving from Abstract Concepts to Hands-On Learning





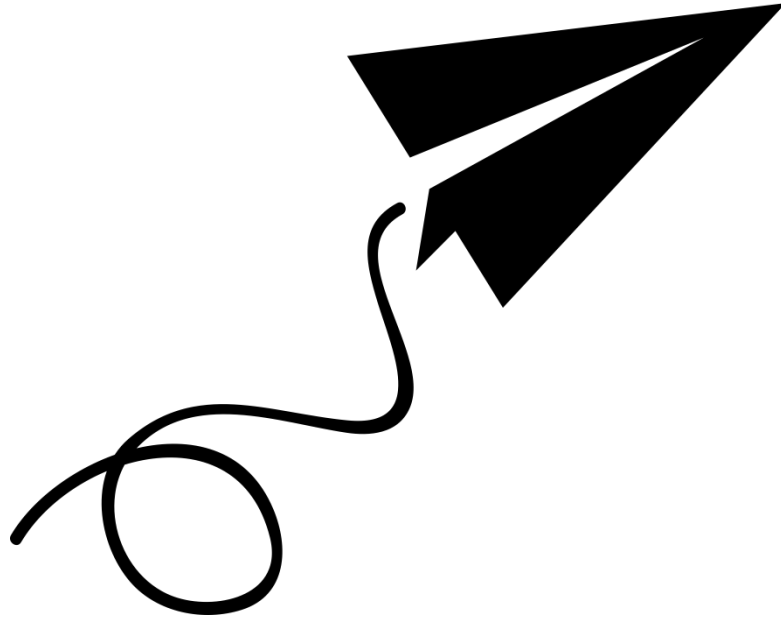
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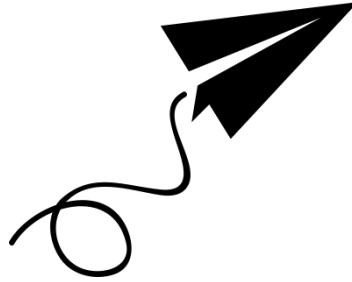


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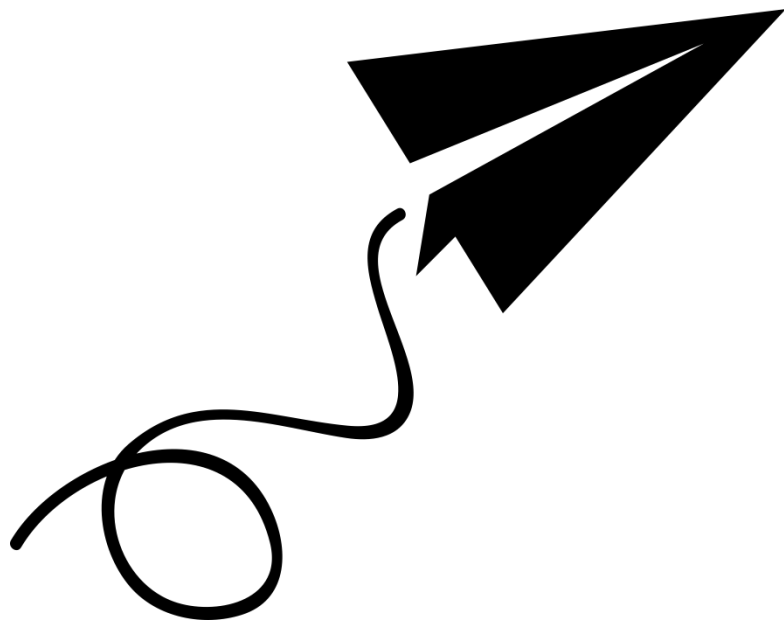


Paper Airplane Challenge

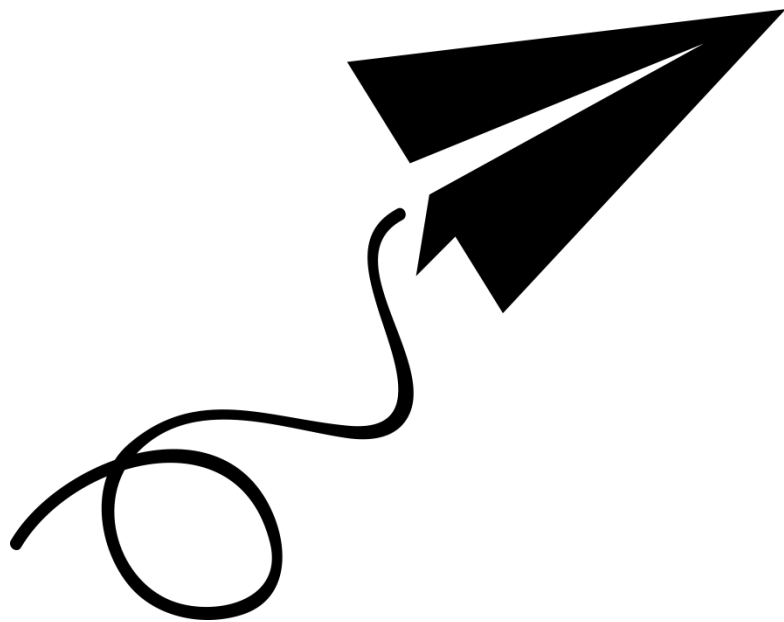


Your Challenge:

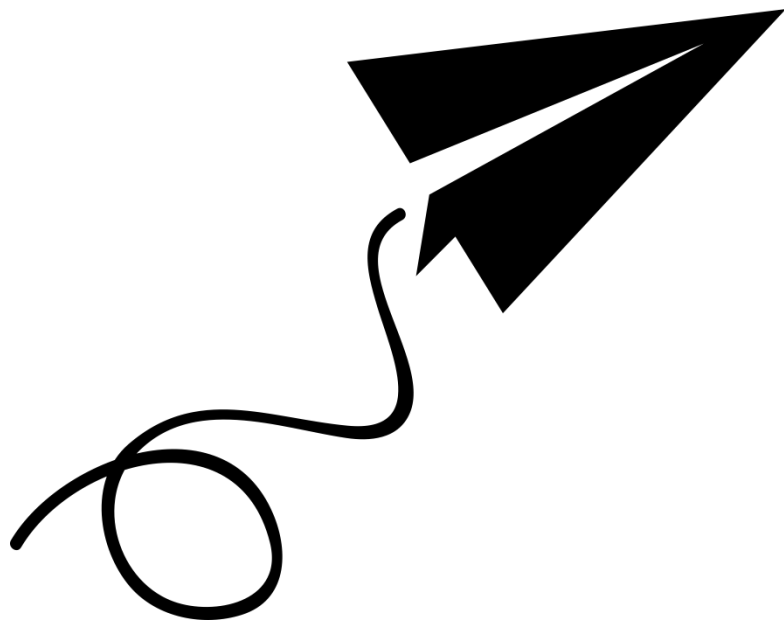
In teams of 3, design & make a paper airplane that will travel the farthest distance in front of the person launching it.



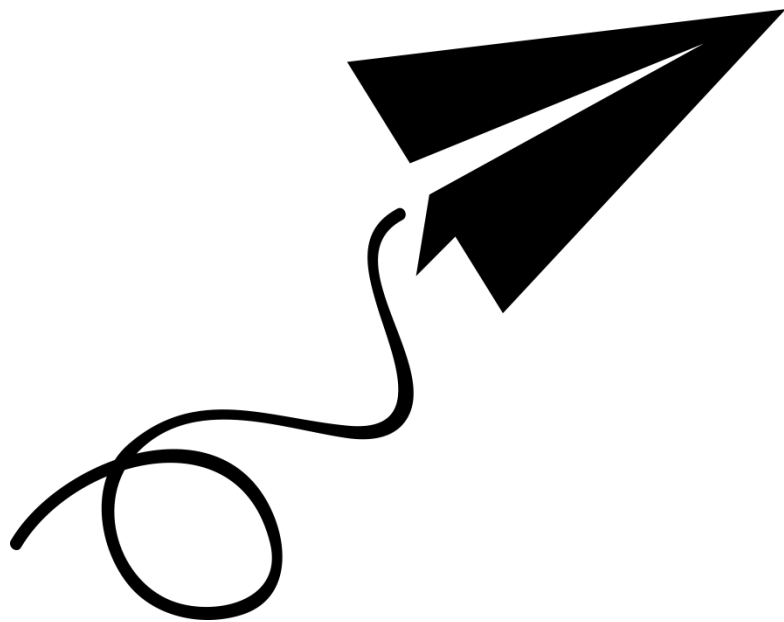
Team Up



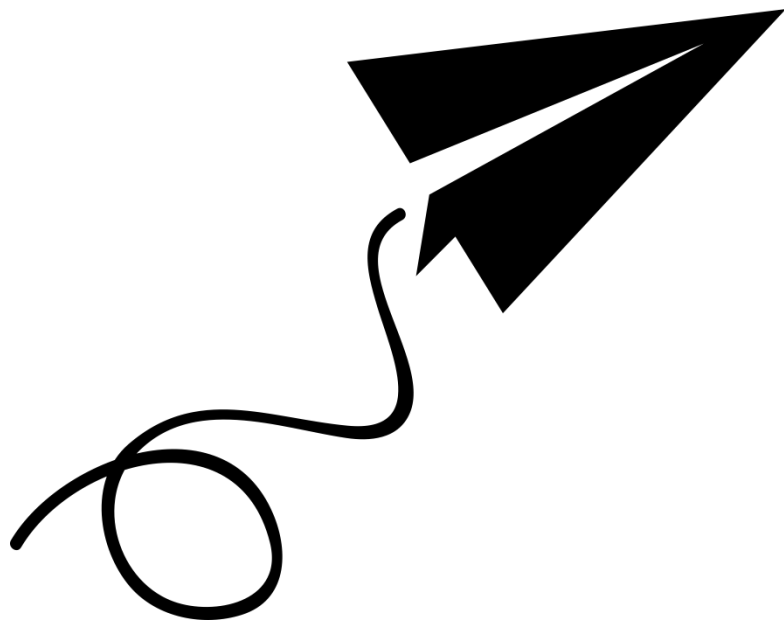
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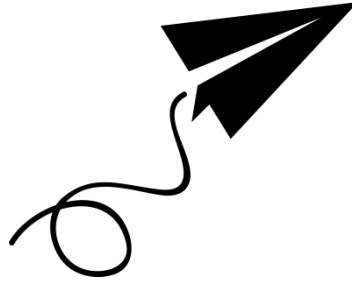
Analyze & Iterate



Build & Test
(& Capture Data)

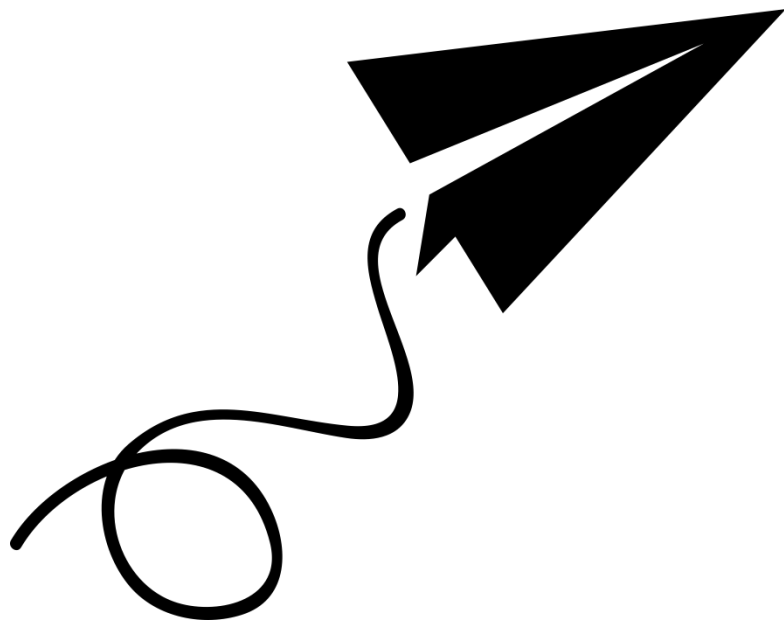


New Challenge!

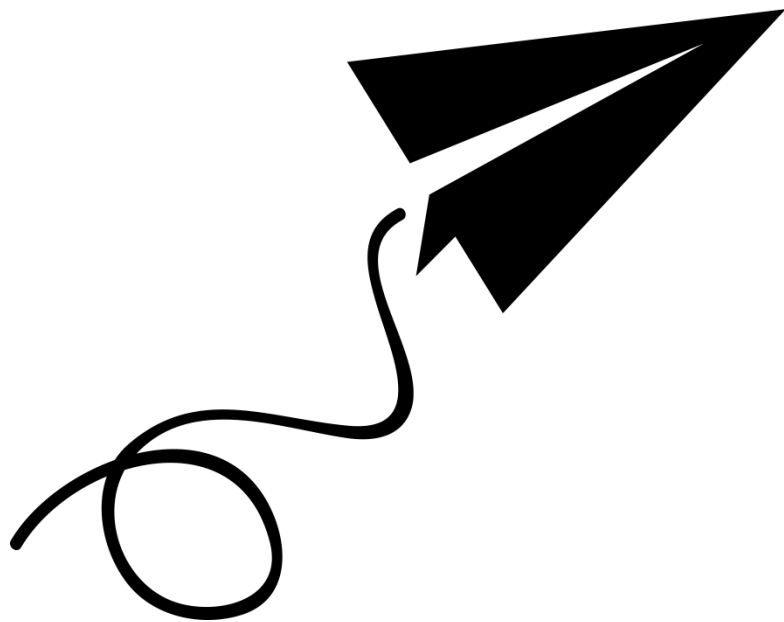


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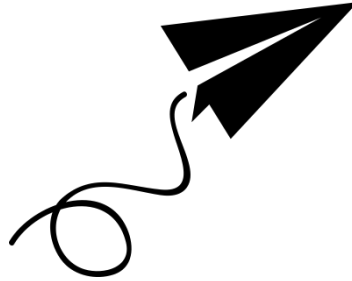
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Scale Up Your Plane 3x

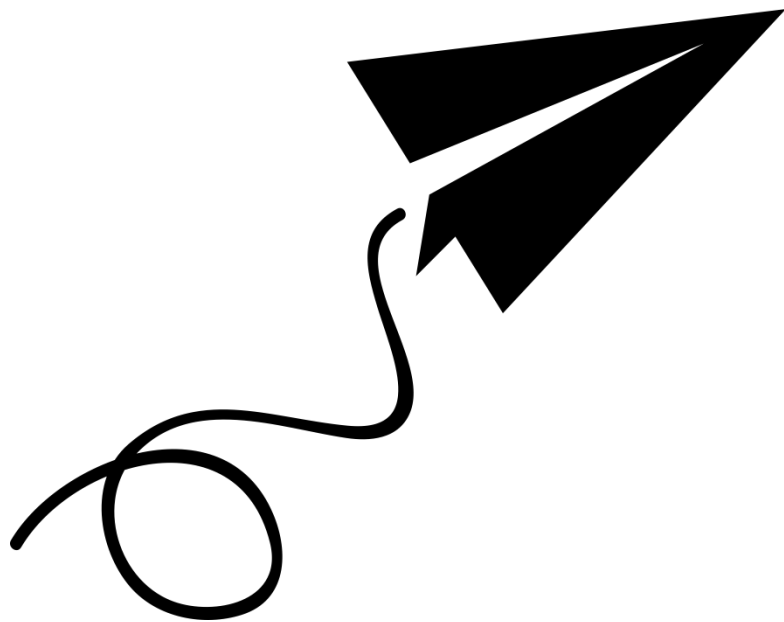


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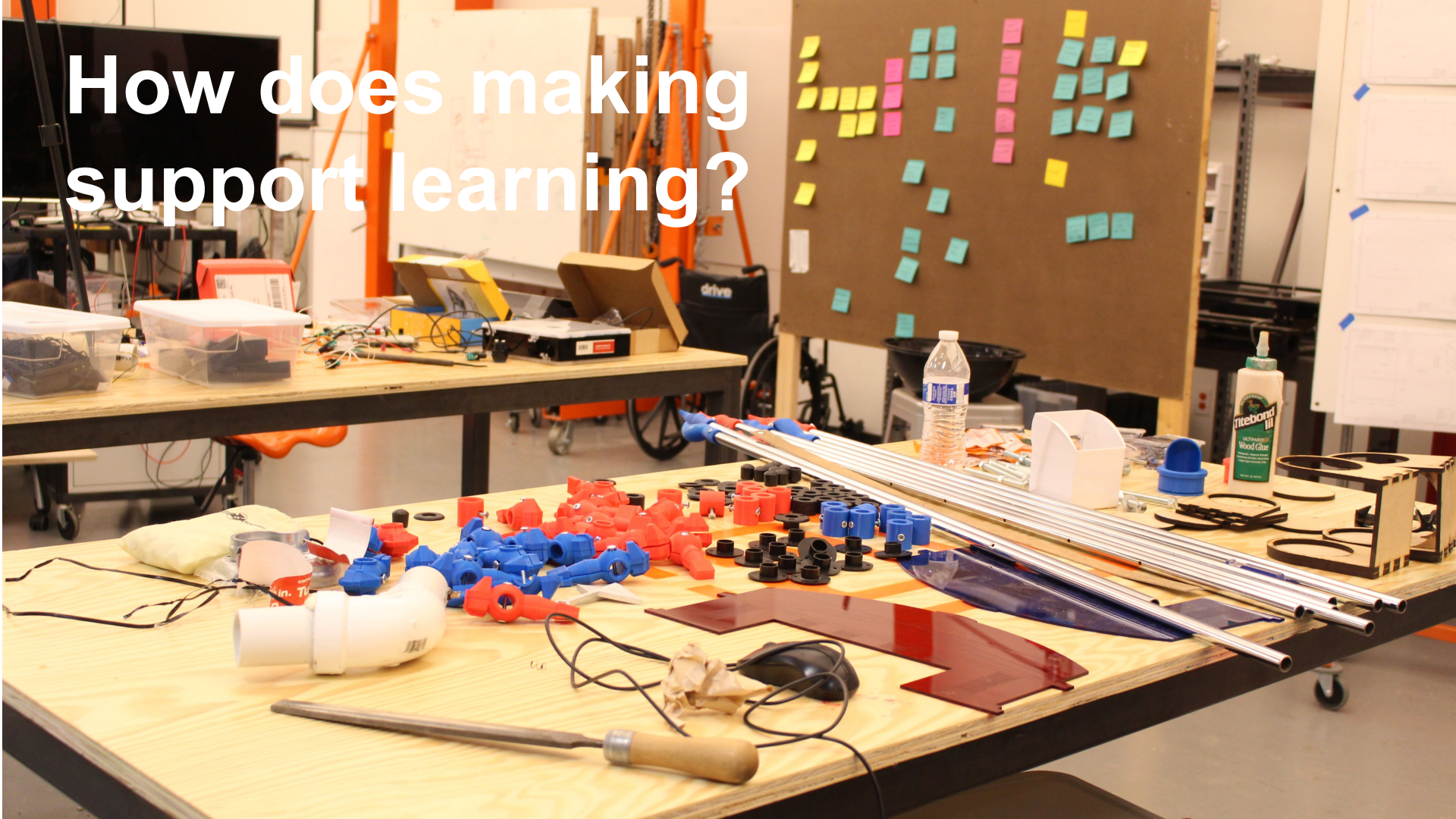
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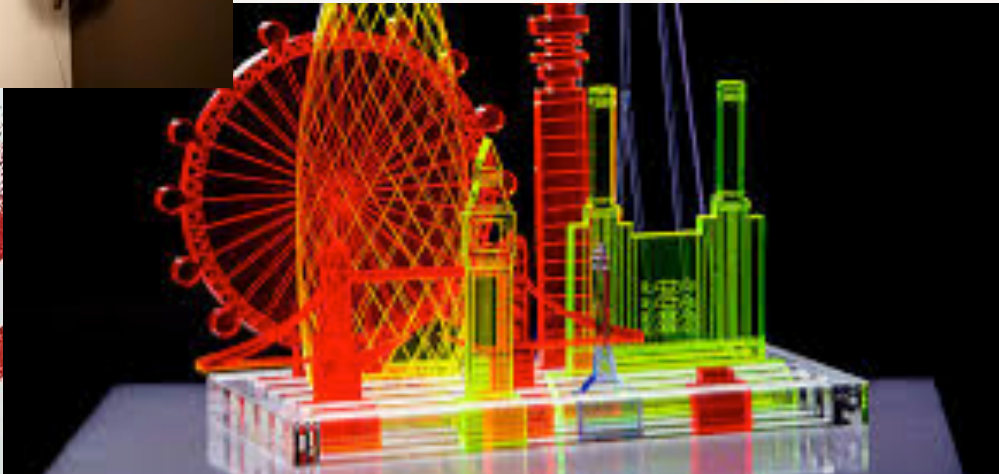


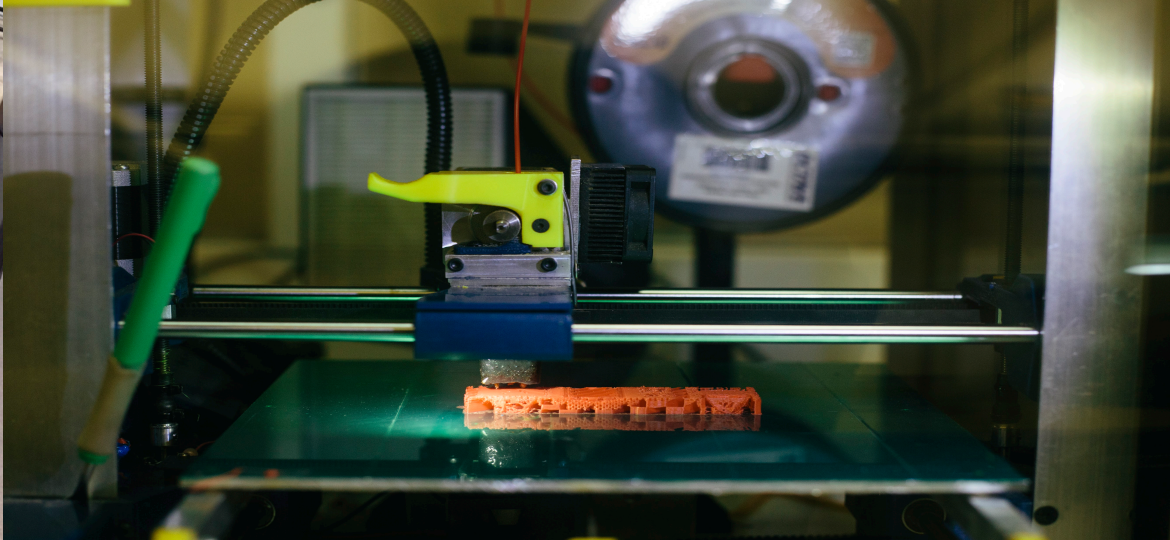
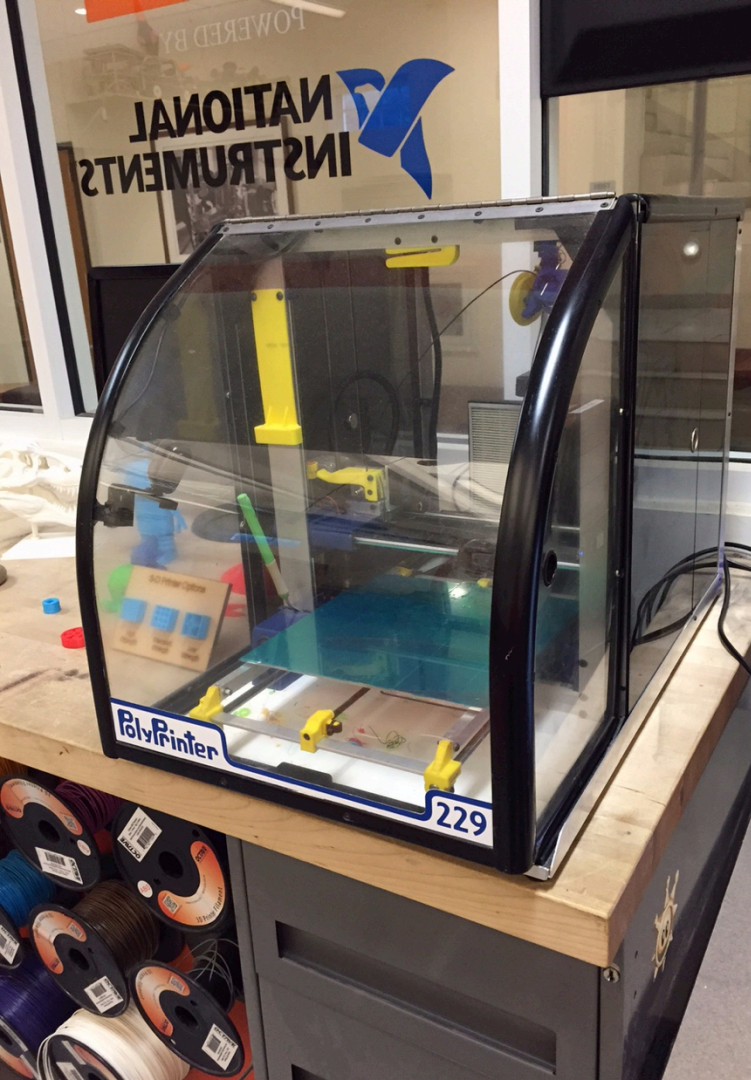
Debrief

How does making support learning?





















but also...

hot glue guns
popsicle sticks
googly eyes
yarn
cardboard
clay
tin foil
etc. ...



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Why?

When making, students:

When making, students...

... have to face open-ended, ambiguous problems & actively work to solve them

When making, students:

... are intrinsically motivated

When making, students:

... are engaged in & mindful
of their learning

When making, students...

...have to persevere or overcome
challenges when they are stuck

When making...

... the process of learning, struggling & growing is all to service a larger goal;

the learning is for the making

When making...

... students are often engaged in
learning through multiple modalities

When making...

... students explore abstract
concepts through the process of
creating tangible objects

When making, students...

... have tangible objects to
reflect on & get feedback on
in order to improve

Perhaps most important to us...

... when students are making things
they are building confidence in
their ability to creatively tackle
any problem

Makers are...

.... empowered to make changes,
fix problems & positively influence
the world around them

Makers are...

... self-reliant & resilient

Makers have...

... the confidence to tackle tough problems with curiosity & optimism

Makers know...

... how to collaborate with others,
ask for help & learn new skills
in order to solve problems

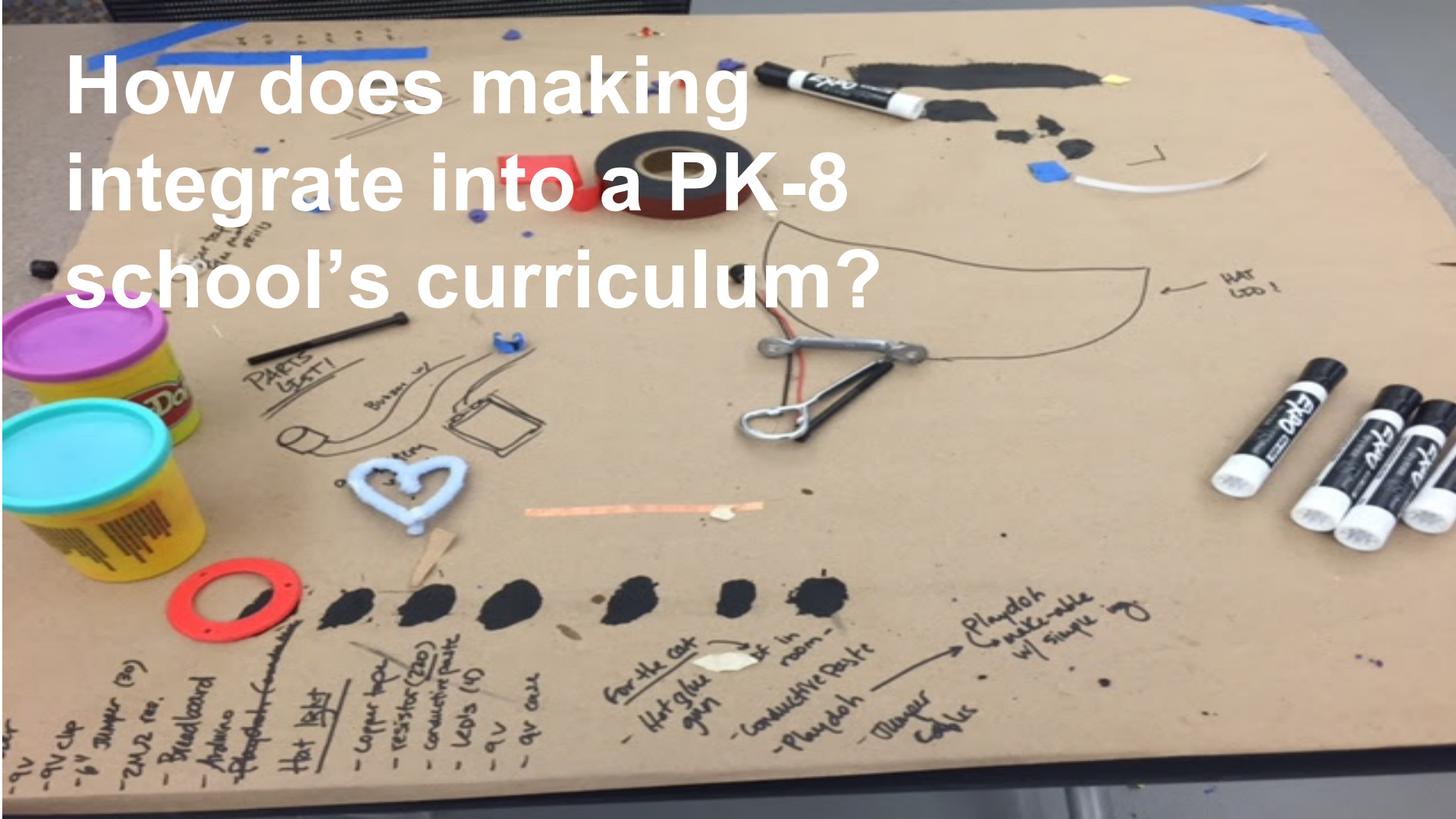
Makers develop ...

... an active process of tinkering &
problem-solving that supports their own
meta-cognitive awareness & growth

Makers develop ...

...a growth mindset

How does making integrate into a PK-8 school's curriculum?



Integrating into content

- Procedural knowledge
- Conceptual knowledge
- Problem Solving

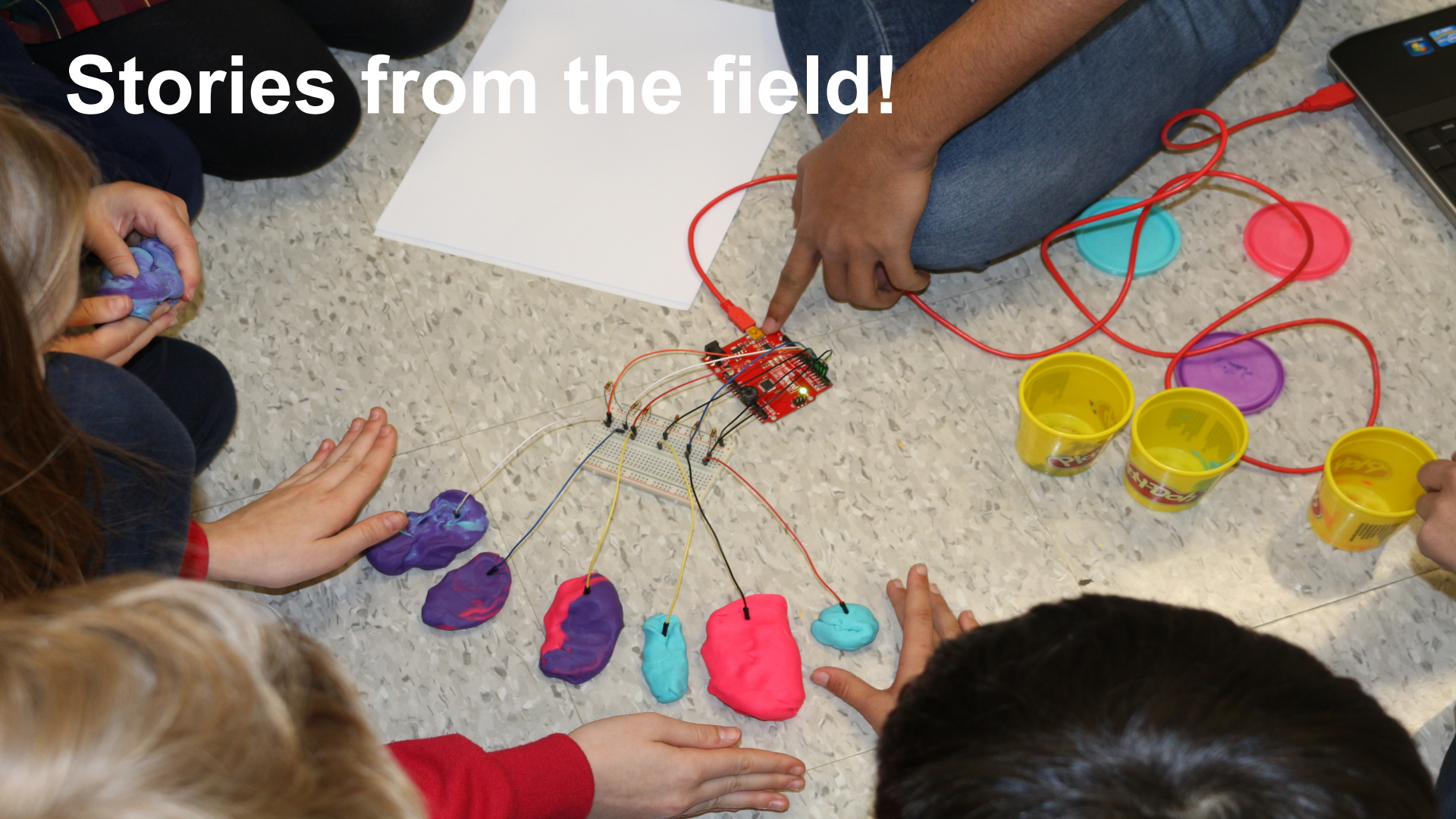
Benefits

- Emotional connections
- Play
- Power

Responsibilities

- Timing of the tell
- Explicit connections to content
- Reflection

Stories from the field!





Q & A

