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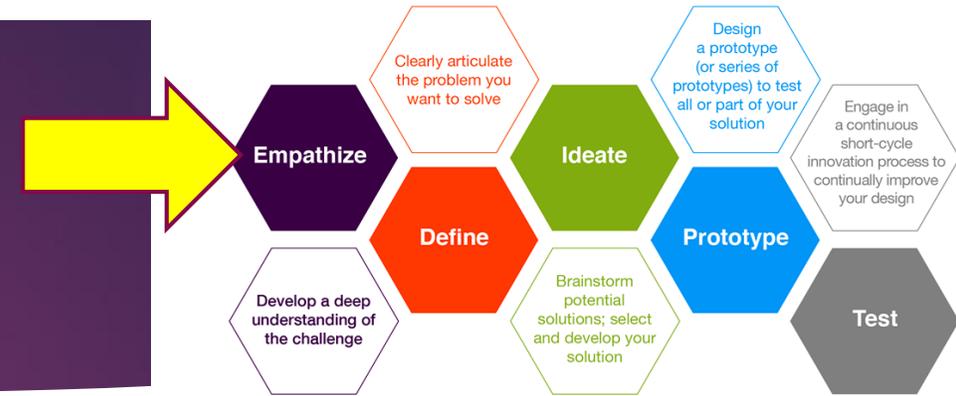
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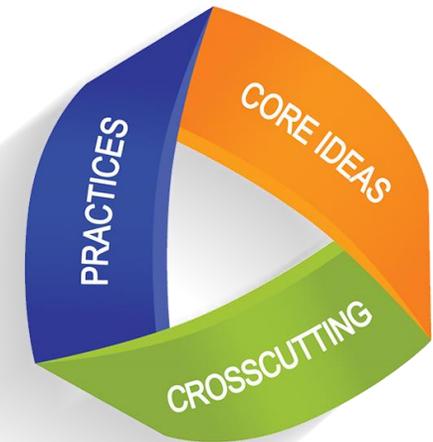
SCIENCE LEADERSHIP TEAM & SCIENCE LAB

Step 1: Empathize

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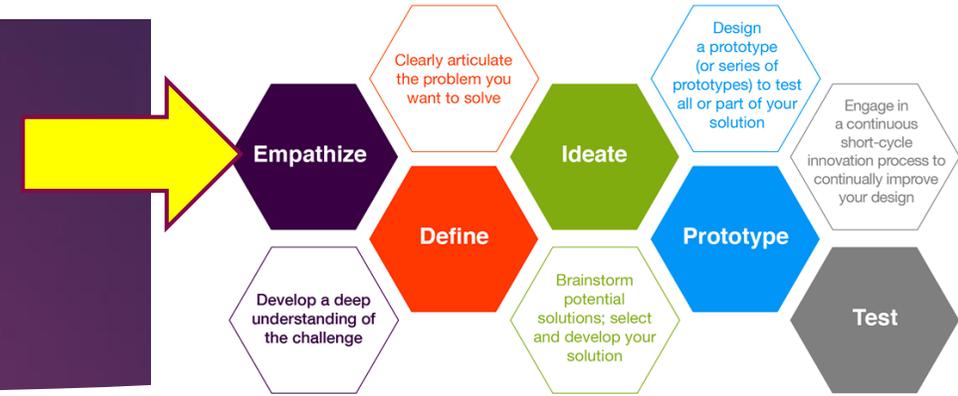


- ▶ NGSS: Next Generation Science Standards
 - ▶ Adopted September 4, 2013 in California
 - ▶ Three-dimensional standards
 - ▶ SEP: Science & Engineering Practices
 - ▶ CCC: Crosscutting Concepts
 - ▶ DCI: Disciplinary Core Ideas
 - ▶ Zero state-adopted programs (*as of fall 2018*)
- ▶ CAST: California Science Test
 - ▶ Fifth graders are assessed on 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade standards

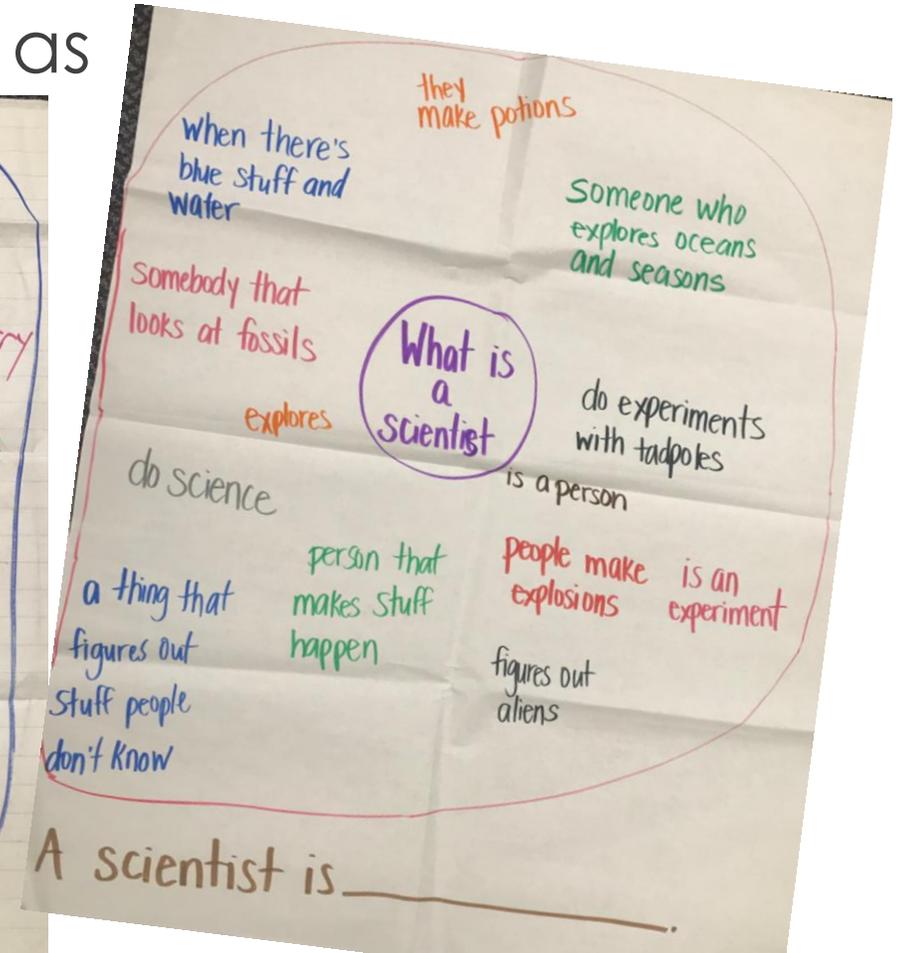
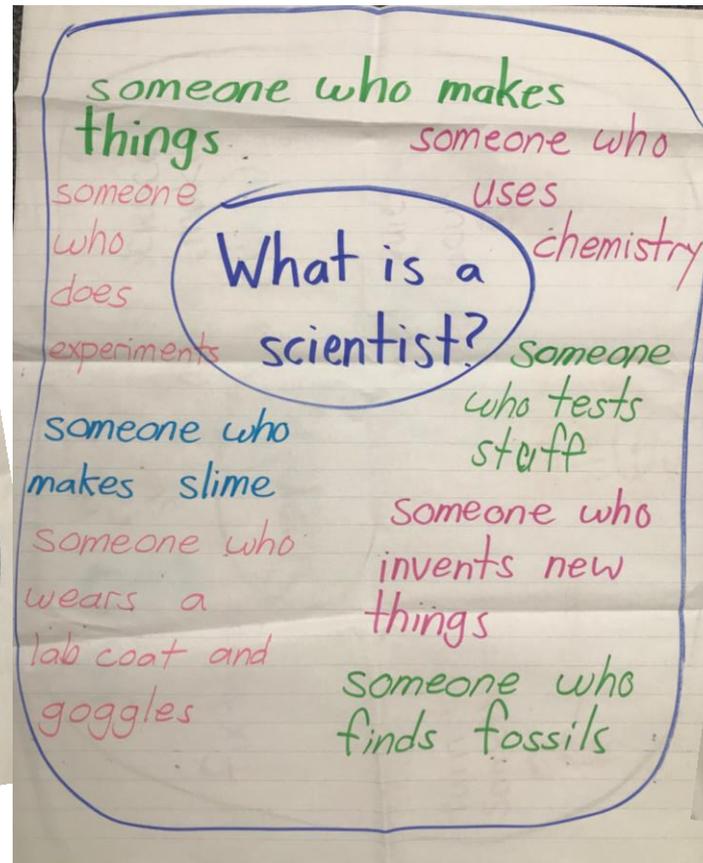
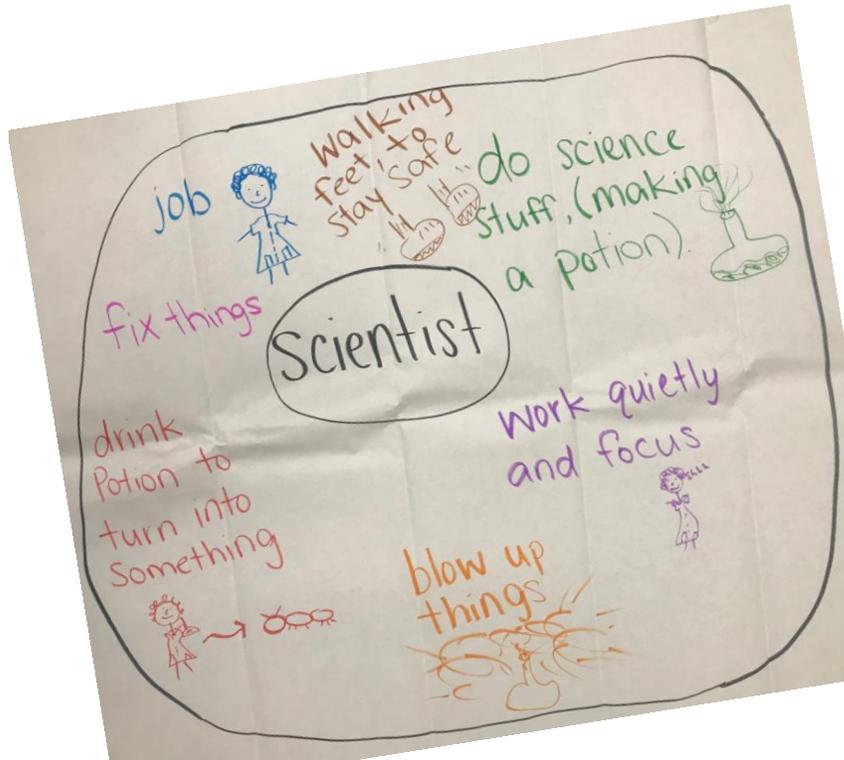


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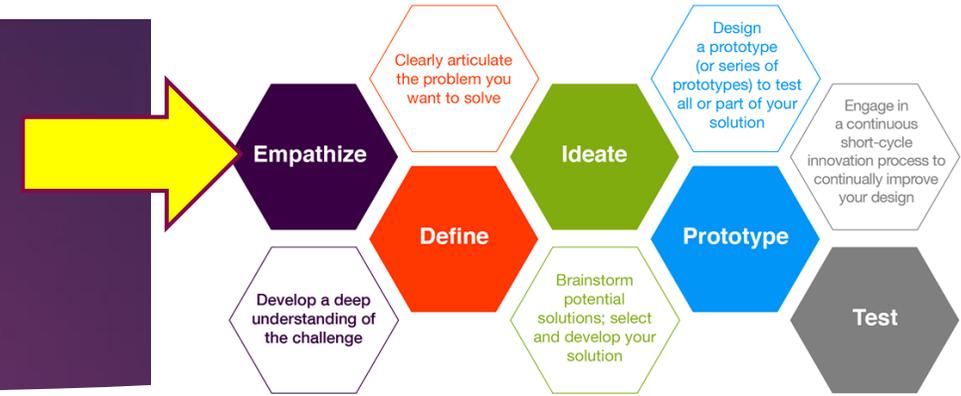


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► Do 2nd & 3rd graders see themselves as **scientists**?

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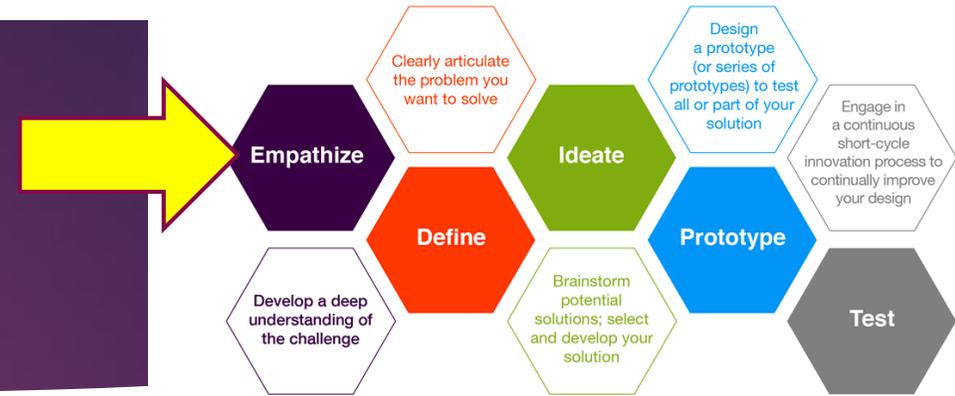
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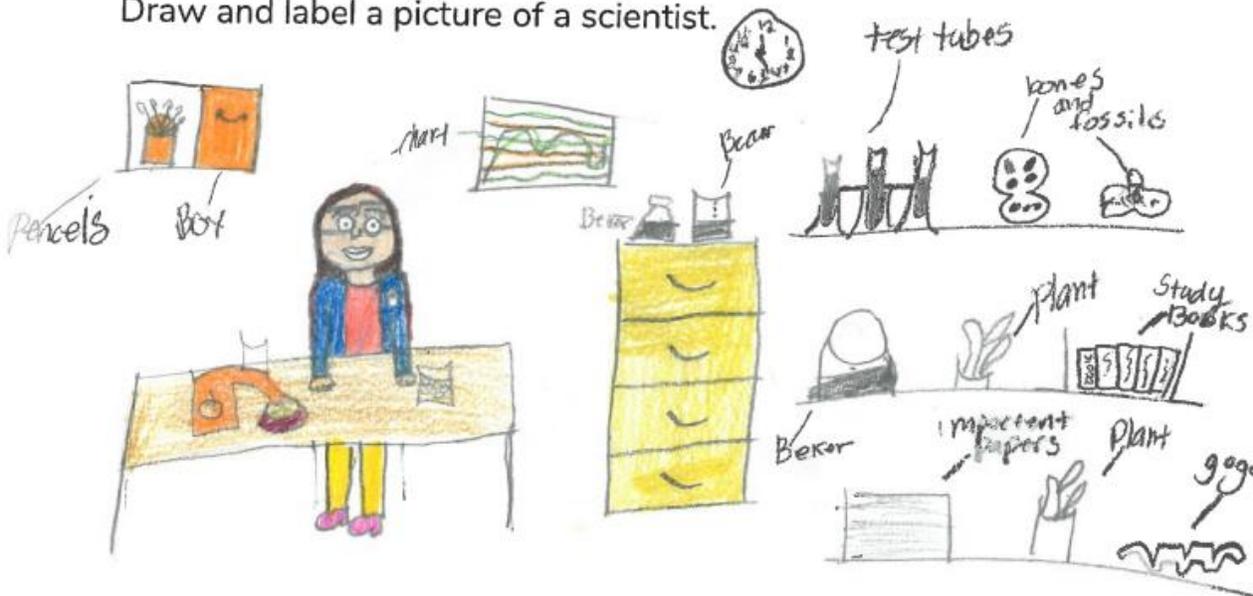
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► Do 4th & 5th graders see themselves as **scientists**?

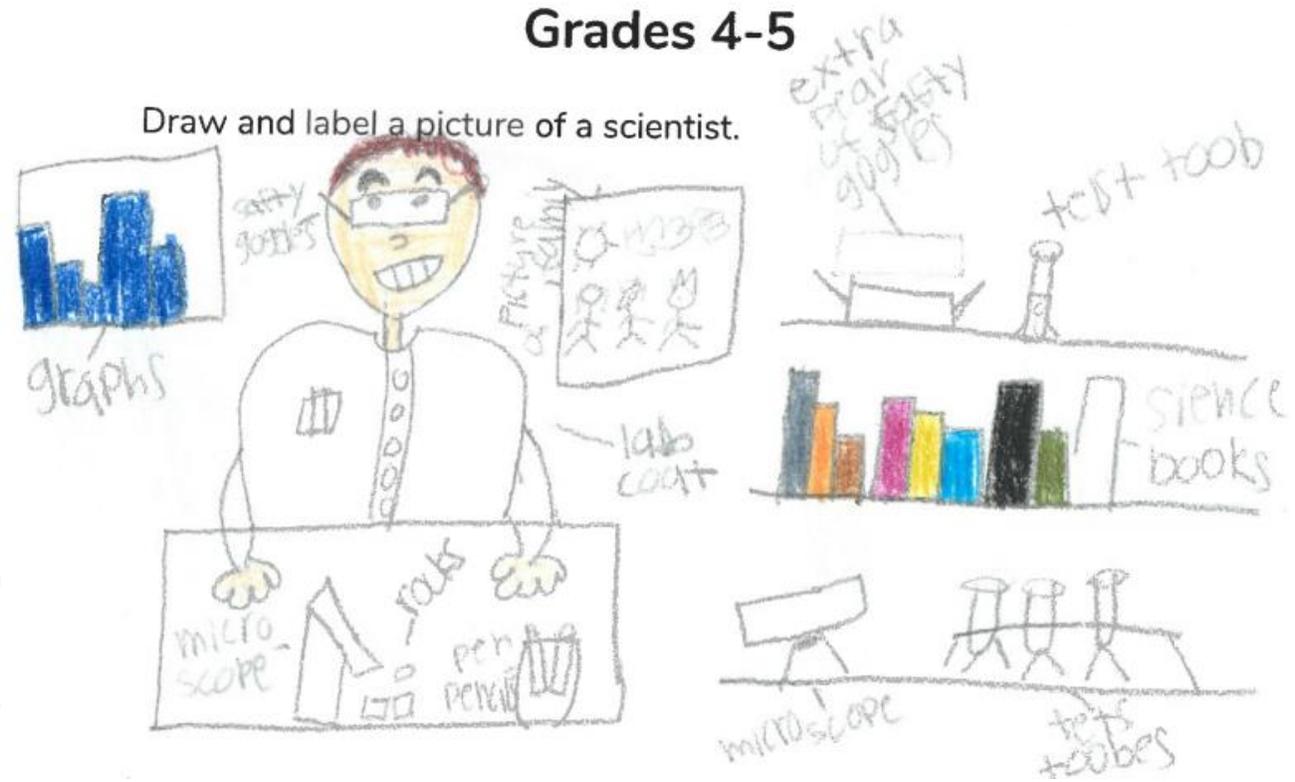
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Draw and label a picture of a scientist.

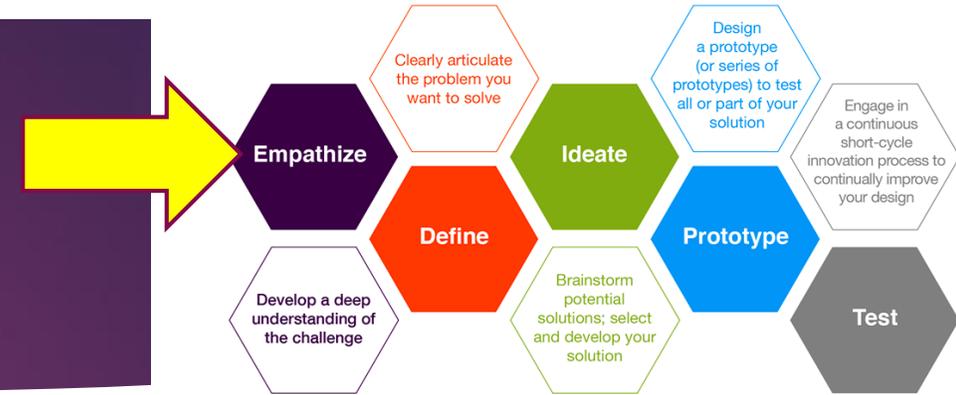


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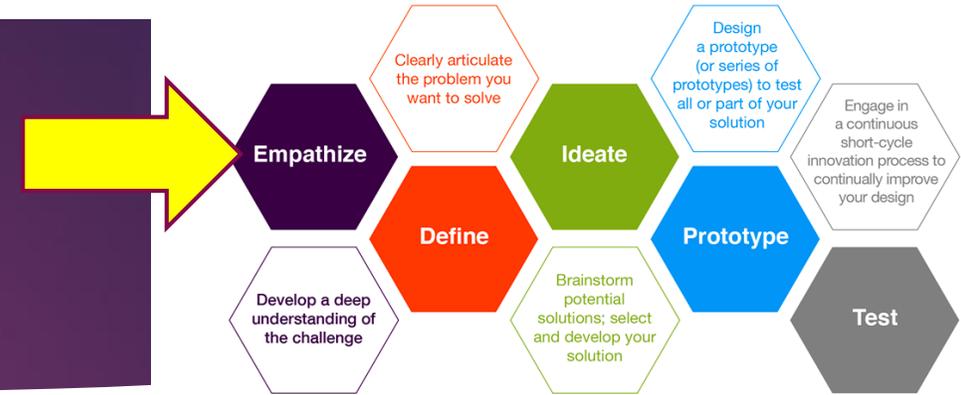
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- ▶ **Teachers:** When you were a young student, what do you remember about learning science? Fond memories? Disturbing memories?
 - ▶ Hands-on, dissections
 - ▶ Field trips, assemblies
 - ▶ Arts and crafts, making and doing stuff
 - ▶ Building models
 - ▶ **No memories until middle school**
 - ▶ **Not always understanding**

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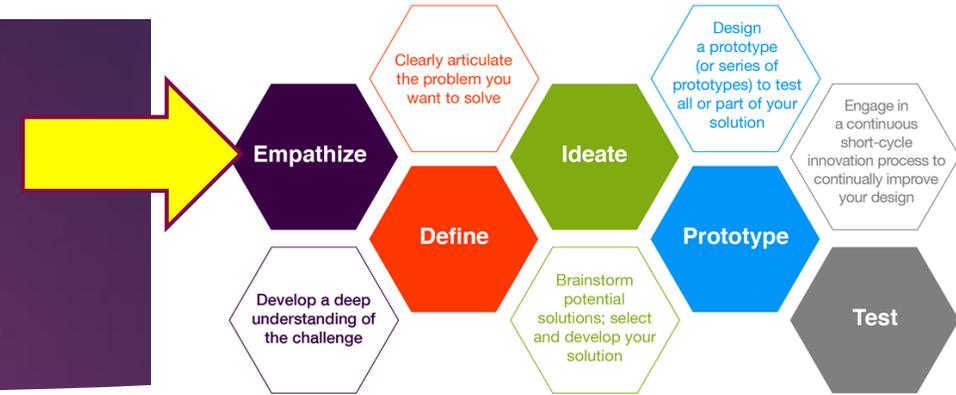
▶ **Teachers:** How do you think you can ensure that your students are “in the picture” as scientists?

- ▶ Hands-on, engagement
- ▶ Students DO science, not just the teacher
- ▶ Inclusive lessons that address existing biases
- ▶ Validate hypotheses & opinions
- ▶ Use a variety of modalities
- ▶ Give opportunities to pursue interests



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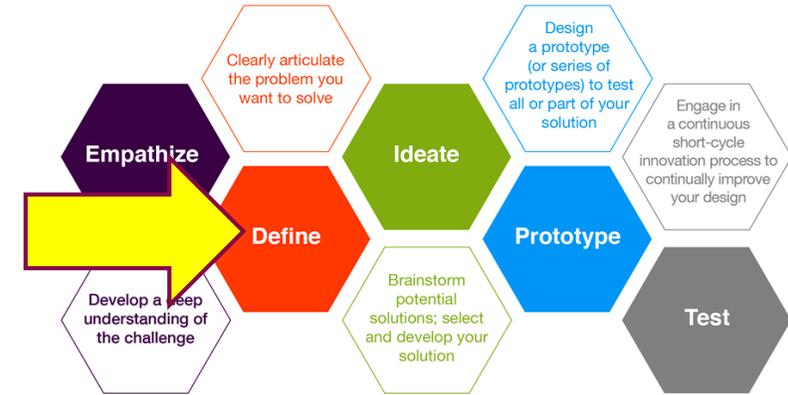


▶ **Teachers:** What do you need to fully implement NGSS?

- ▶ Time to unpack standards and plan
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Supplies
- ▶ Materials boxed together for lessons
- ▶ Science lab
- ▶ Parent volunteers

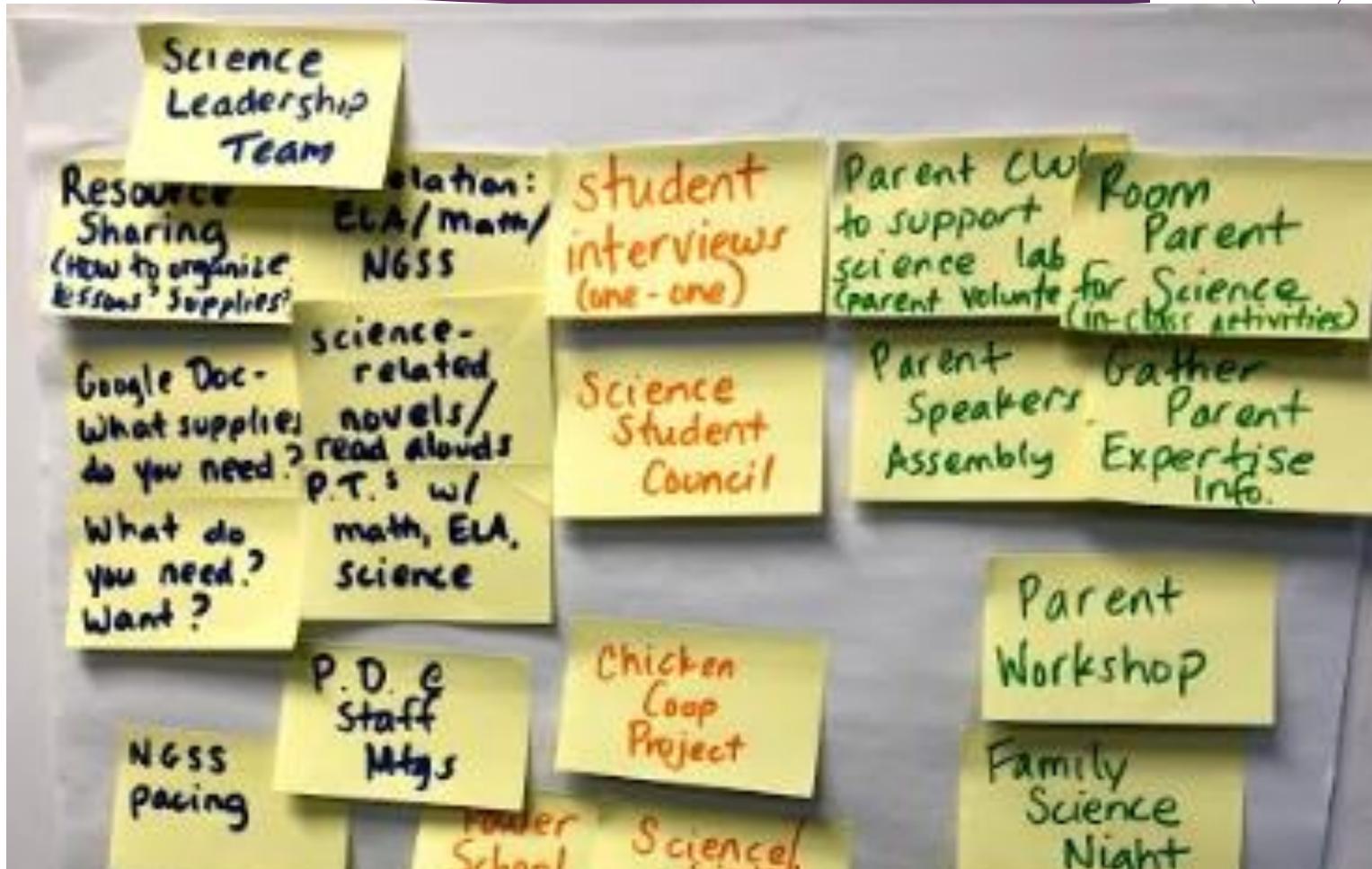
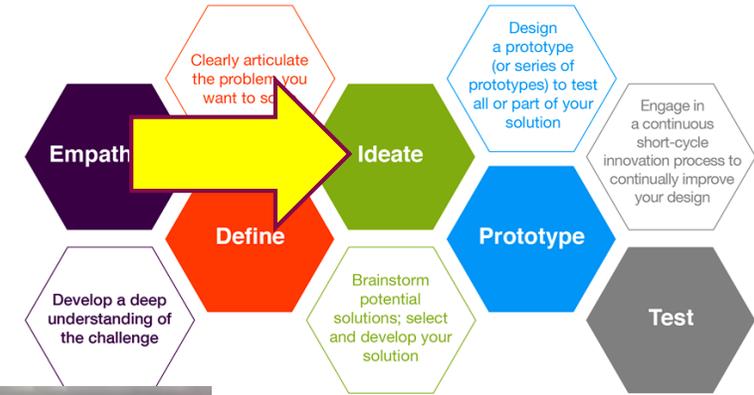
Step 2: Define

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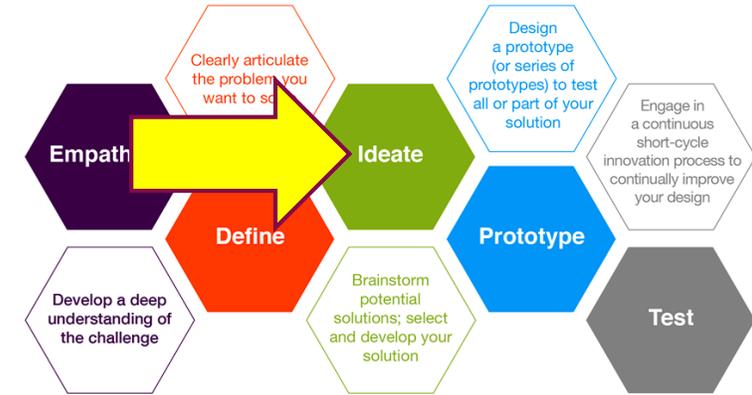
- ▶ Teachers know that the NGSS exist, but they have limited knowledge and familiarity.
- ▶ Teachers WANT to teach science, but they feel time and financial constraints.
- ▶ Most students have a positive attitude toward science.
- ▶ Students enjoy hands-on activities, but teachers struggle to buy supplies and prepare for multi-dimensional lessons.
- ▶ Students and teachers would benefit from a science lab.

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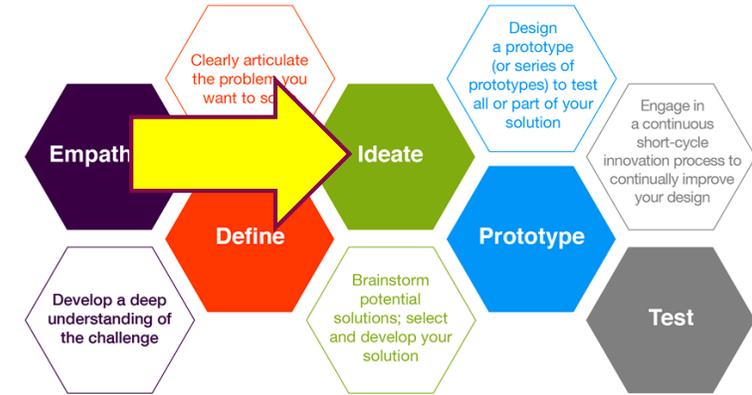


Teachers
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Staff

- ▶ Science Leadership Team
- ▶ Resource Sharing--How do we organize lessons? Supplies?
- ▶ ELA/Math/NGSS correlation
- ▶ Science-related novels & read aloud books
- ▶ Shared Google Doc: What supplies do you need? Want?
- ▶ Performance Tasks with ELA, math, & science
- ▶ Science Professional Development at staff meetings
- ▶ NGSS deep-dive
- ▶ NGSS pacing
- ▶ Release day(s)
- ▶ Monger's Garden
- ▶ Academic Coach

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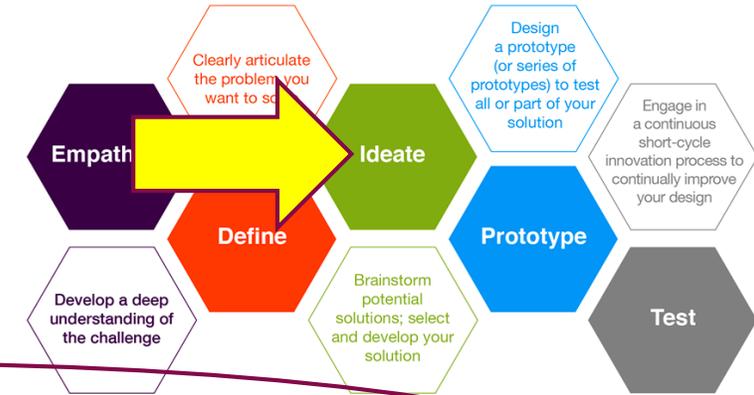


- ▶ Student Interviews (one on one)
- ▶ Kid-friendly NGSS focus for Science Fair
- ▶ Chicken Coop Project
- ▶ Power School (after school program)
- ▶ Science/Scientist Club
 - ▶ lunch?
 - ▶ after school?
- ▶ Science-related field trips
- ▶ Science Student Council

Students

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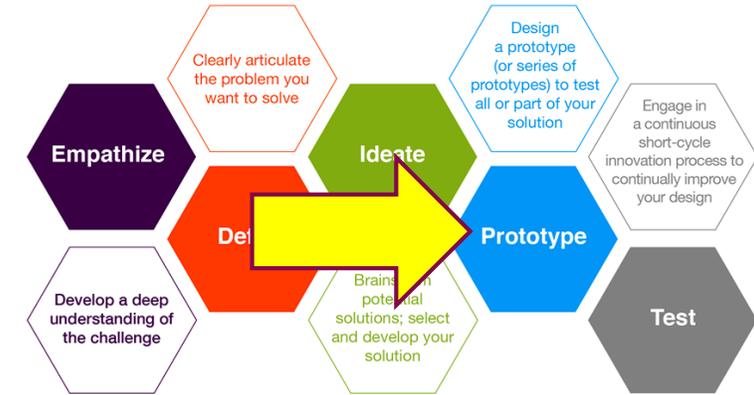


Parents

- ▶ Parent Club supports science lab with supplies and volunteers
- ▶ Science Room Parents for in-class activities
- ▶ Parent speakers for class presentations and/or assemblies (*use parent expertise*)
- ▶ Parent workshops
- ▶ Family Science Night
- ▶ Science-related community service projects
- ▶ Astronomy Night
- ▶ Apply for Gilroy Rotary Grant to support the lab

Step 4: Prototype & Reiterate

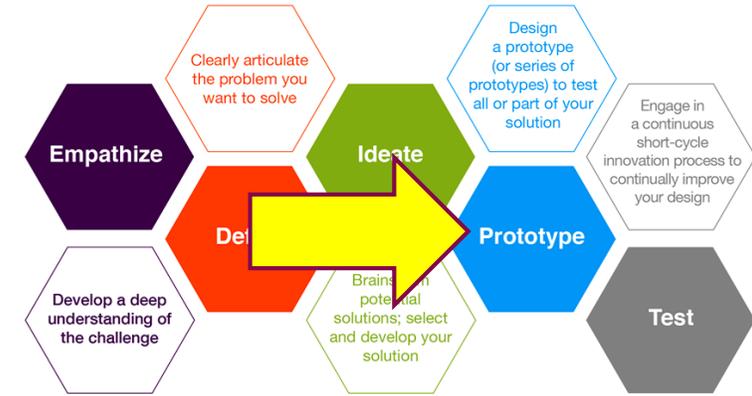
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► How might we create and foster a unified vision for science instruction?

Science Leadership Team Agenda Rod Kelley, Room October

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- A. Colleen, Andrea, Haley, Al
- II. Team's Purpose & Objectives
- A. How might we create and
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- B. How does science instruc
- NGSS?
1. Concerns:
- a) How do we fo

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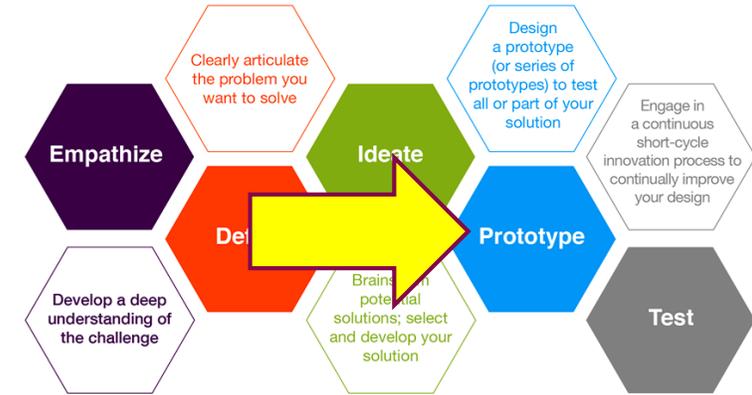
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- A. [Staff Meeting Results 11/7](#)
- B. Staff Meeting focus on Life
- instruction?
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Science Leadership Team Agenda Rod Kelley, Room 22, 3:00-4:00pm December 13, 2018

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Team's Purpose & Objectives
- A. How might we create and foster a unified vision for science instruction?
- Half-day release days so each grade can plan science lessons
- A. Release dates:
 1. Monday, December 17 (Alicia is on campus as a resource)
 - a) Am (8-11am): Fourth Grade
 - b) Pm (11am-2:30pm-lunch): Fifth Grade
 2. Tuesday, December 18 (Alicia isn't on campus)
 - a) (8-11am): Second Grade

Science Leadership Team Tasks & Accomplishments

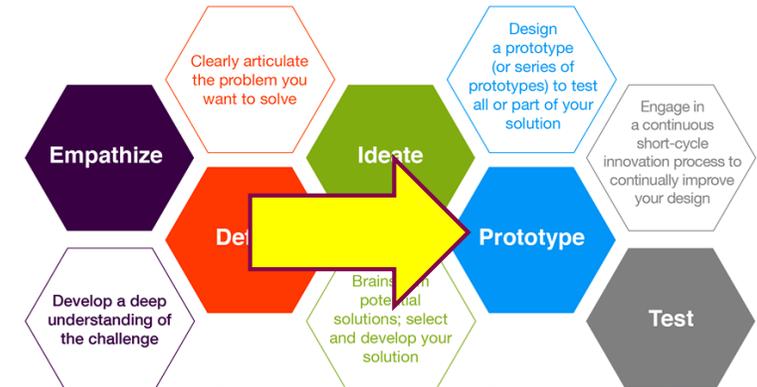
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- ▶ Brainstorming teaching and learning experiences, successes, challenges, new activities for possible implementation
- ▶ Grade level status updates of NGSS implementation
- ▶ Model lessons by District Academic Coach
- ▶ NGSS focus at staff meetings (standards deconstruction by DCI)
- ▶ Alignment of ELA curriculum (Benchmark Advance) and NGSS
- ▶ Grade level release days
- ▶ Gather data from Lead Team Members and staff
- ▶ Gallery Walk of all NGSS grades K-5 (Physical & Earth and Space)

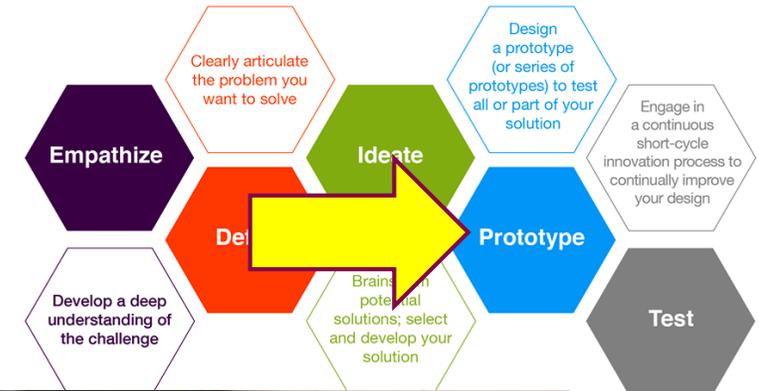
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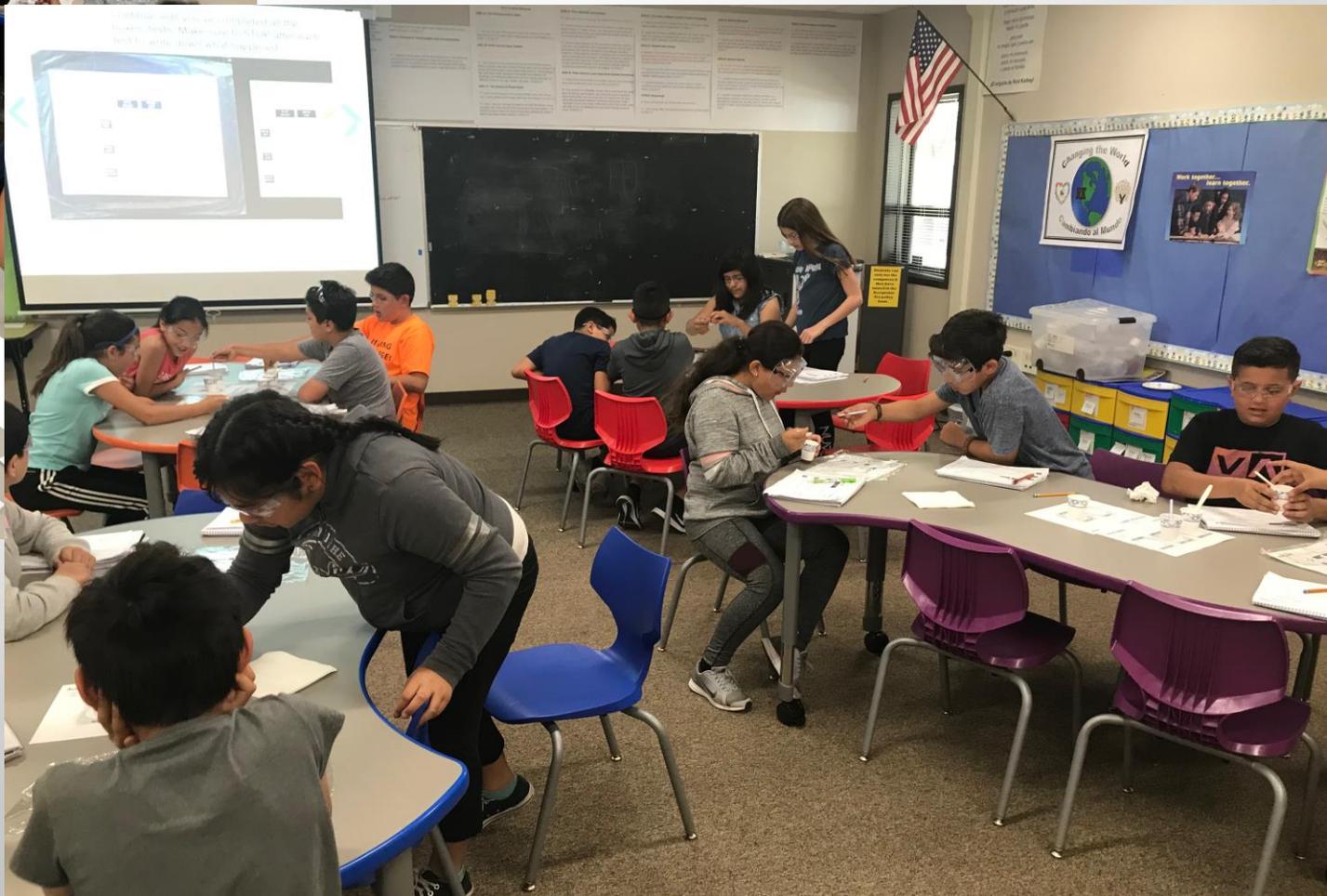
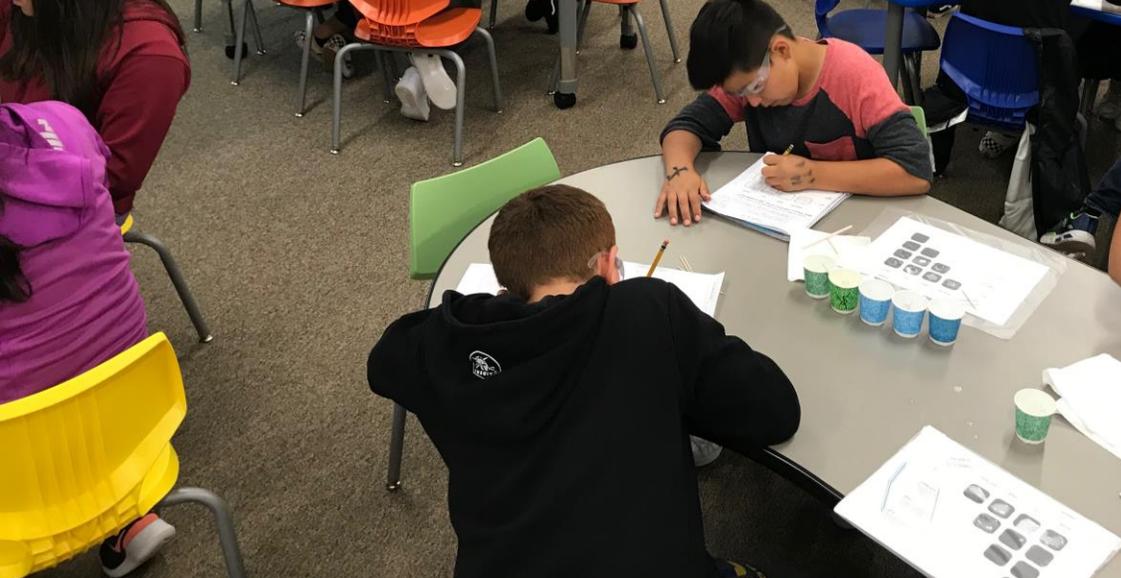
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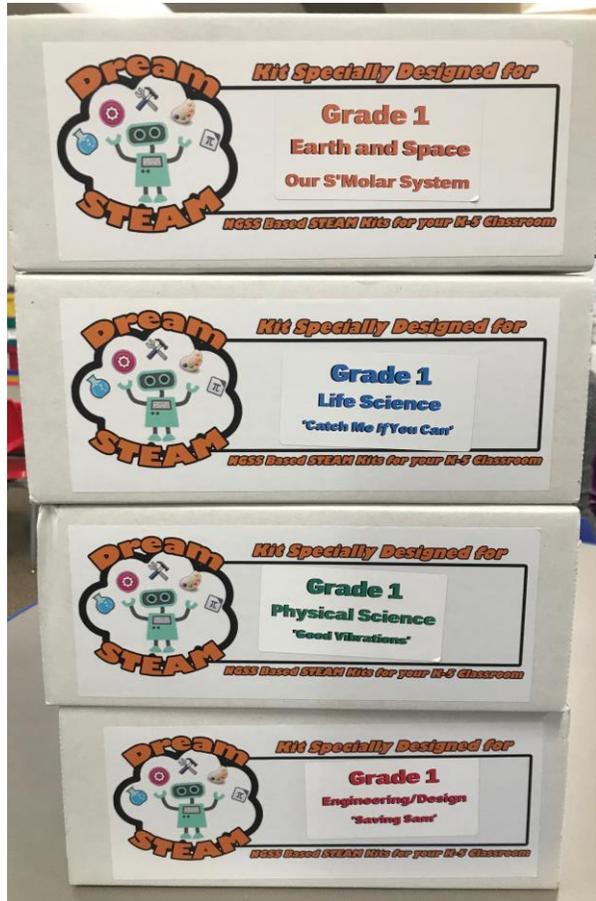
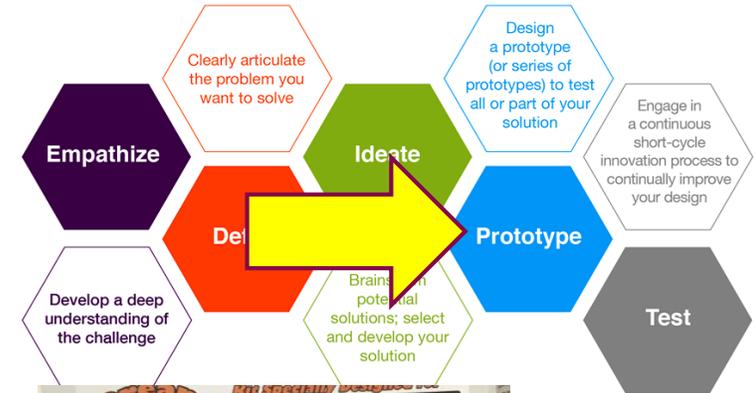


Student Scientists in Action!



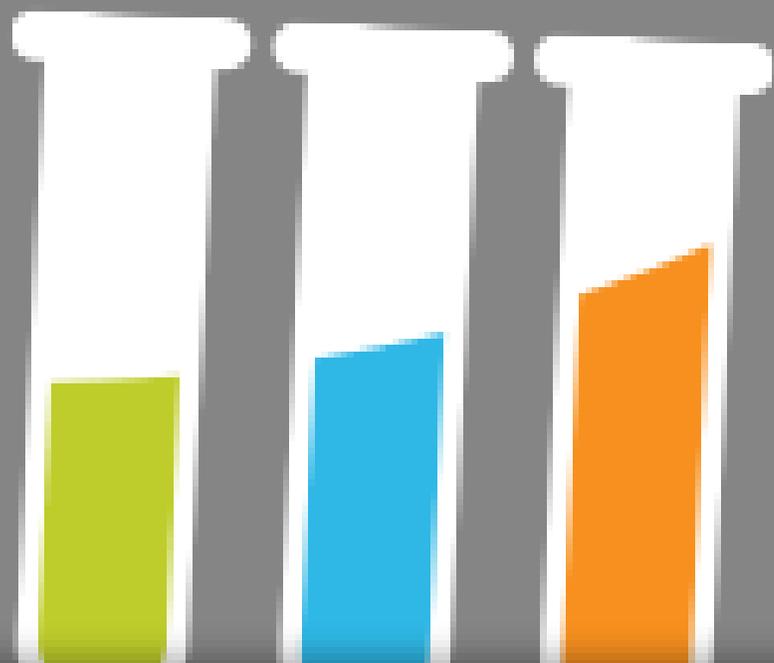
Dream STEAM Kits

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Next Steps

- ▶ Science Lab Safety PowerPoint to present to teachers and students ✓
- ▶ Schedule 30 minute/class “Welcome to the Lab” (first time lab visit for classes) ✓
- ▶ Determine weekly schedule for regular class lab use ✓
- ▶ Use all of the Dream STEAM kits and evaluate for following year supply purchases ✓
- ▶ Invite parent volunteers to participate in science lessons
- ▶ Form a Content-Area Leadership Team for 2019-2020
 - ▶ Math? Reading? Writing?



Q&A

