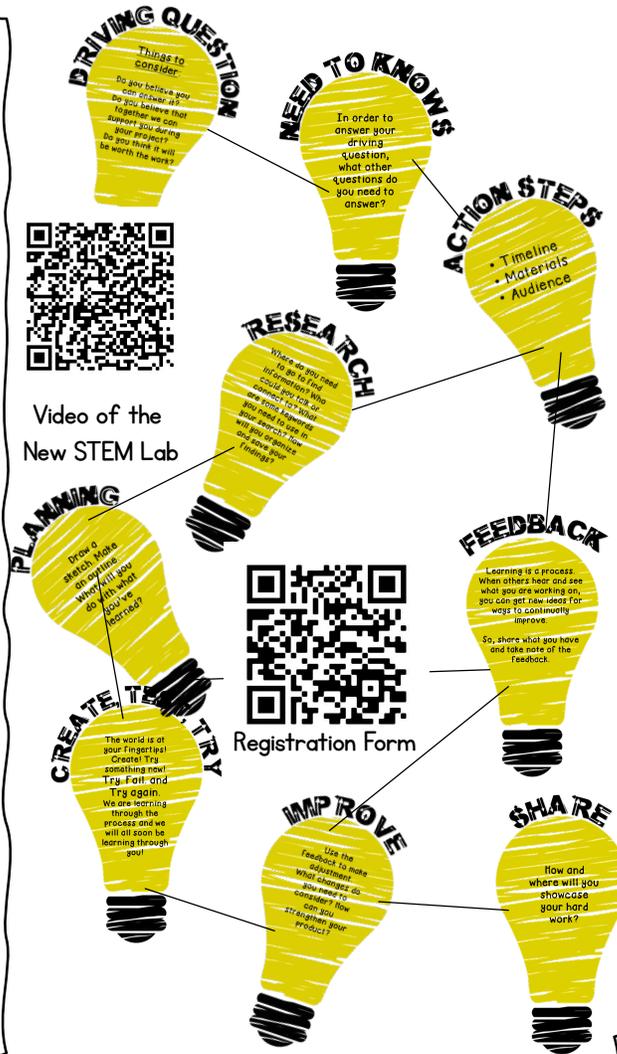


WHAT Genius Hour is an open time for students to explore, innovate, learn, and solve entirely based on their own interests. Genius Hour can take many forms. It might be learning about, learning how, inventing, or creating. It may include K'nex, 3D printing, computer software, or recyclables. The idea of Genius Hour is said to come from Google setting aside time for its employees to innovate, play and create based on any topic. This Google Genius Hour led to some of their best products and ideas.

WHY The majority of learning during the school day is determined by grade-level standards. This is a time for students to take COMPLETE ownership of their learning. Genius Hour creates a space where students can think critically, collaborate, make decisions, manage time, solve problems, and grow through failure.

"If you're working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."
 - Steve Jobs



WHO All Ross 4th and 5th graders are invited. Students may work alone or with others. Families, if your child is interested, please fill out [the form linked here](#) or use the QR code by noon on September 16th. To prioritize health and safety, there will be a limited number of slots. If demand exceeds our number of limited slots, a lottery will be held. Please reach out if you have questions.
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HOW Regardless of the project, all students will follow a general process. Choose a topic, propose a driving question and list of need to knows, devise action steps, research, plan, create/test/try, improve, and share. Students will be receiving feedback from each other throughout the process.

WHERE & WHEN
 The STEM Lab and Library
 Wednesday mornings from 8:00-8:40 starting September 22nd. We will meet outside the school at 8:00 to come up together.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

GENIUS HOUR