Module on Technology and Engineering

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Module Description

This module explores how to create and implement curriculum for young children, with a focus in the use of technology to teach math and science, and the development of technological fluency.

November 14 Introduction and course overview


Papert Video

Prof. BersPresentation

Design studio: From Scratch to Scratch Jr. (Amanda Strawhacker)

Readings for next week:

November 21 Programming in the early childhood classroom


Resnick et al. Scratch: Programming for All | Communications of the ACM (CACM)

Design studio: Empowering ideas assignment

Students will choose a "powerful idea" in the areas of math, science or technology, that empowered them to think in new ways when they were young. They will write a report describing what is the powerful idea, a personal recount of how they first encountered it, the struggles to grasp it and the tools, people and related ideas that helped them understand it. They will also specify if and how, it relates to the MA curriculum frameworks and the core curriculum.

Readings for next week:


December 5 Blocks to Robots

Early Childhood Robotics Network

Design studio: Dances around the world KIWI curriculum

Assignment

Students will choose a "powerful idea" in the areas of math, science or technology and design a Robotics based curricular module for young students to explore and understand
it. They will use the materials listed below to prepare their curriculum. Those can be found here: http://tkroboticsnetwork.ning.com/page/tangible-k

Robotics Curriculum Planning Sheet & Final Project Planning Sheet
Robotics Curriculum Template (editable word doc)
Technology & Engineering Integration Starter

**December 11** Final Robotics Project

Each student will present his or her final curricular project design and will implement with classmates a short version of it.

**December 12, Engineering is Elementary.**

Guest speaker Kristin Sargianis, Professional Development Director, Museum of Science Boston