Dedicating Time

When will you schedule STEM? Keeping simple basic materials available should be the everyday norm. In addition, many STEM elements can be worked into program times such as snack and homework. During snack time, committees can present weather and news reports (including vocabulary, measurement, presenting data, giving reasons), conduct surveys, and manage distributions and menus. During homework time, students can do hands-on projects to supplement classroom learning, or homework time can begin with mental math contests, puzzles, or guessing games. Homework is also a good time for vocabulary expansion and questioning. Physical education can include sports stats, outdoor explorations, counting, and measurement, and enrichment time is wide open for a range of exciting options.

What can you include, when?

Snack	
Homework	
Enrichment	
Physical Activity	
Other	

How often can you schedule STEM activities? You can plan to have activity centers available every day, plus one day a week for more in-depth projects or club time. Or you may have dedicated lesson or project time two or more times per week. The key is to map out times and maximize opportunities to bring in STEM.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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