



# CraftED

*Developing Deeper Learning Together*

- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Make a trip to goodwill and pick an electronic device of any sort-toaster, universal remote control, etc. Teach your child how to safely use a screwdriver and let them reverse engineer your purchase.
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Design a scaled treehouse. Purchase some blueprint or basic graph paper on Amazon, teach your child basic scaling and measurement principles and turn them loose to create blueprint plans for a modern-day Robinson Crusoe treehouse.
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Teach your child a crafty skillset and open an Etsy shop. This is a great way to teach business skills—logo and branding, basic marketing concepts, math related to pricing, taxes and shipping, photography and informational writing. Here is a sample from what I helped my daughter with last summer:  
<https://www.etsy.com/shop/MadebyMik>
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Make a rock garden and have fun painting rocks. Need tips and ideas? Check out this book and blog by my friend @colormadehappy, [colormadehappy.com](http://colormadehappy.com), <https://www.amazon.com/Rock-Art-Handbook-Step-Step>
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Make a cooking video tutorial for YouTube. You can pass down a family recipe or allow your child to explore and come up with their own recipe. This is a great opportunity to teach math through measurement, planning and filming, and oral communication skills. Not ready for your child's video to be public? Keep it private and just send the link to your family ;)
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Address a need for a local children's hospital or shelter. Visit your local children's hospital or shelter website to find what items they are in need of. Consider organizing a collection drive of some sort or support their vision for creating something the "end-users" need. This is a wonderful way to teach real-life skills such as empathy, organization, activism, research, and communication.
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Learn about the stock market. Did you know Yahoo Finance offers a simulated investment account that is FREE and easy to sign up for?! Order this book on Amazon if you need help explaining the basic concepts of the stock market to your child (No judgment, I didn't even know where to begin with this!) and have them follow their "investments" all summer long!

- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Make field guide or tourist guide FOR kids BY kids. There are likely many field guides or tourist guides that exist for your city, but I bet there aren't many that speak to kids-their interests, their vocabulary, their type of pictures, etc. Your child can create a "kids field guide to your city" or "kids tourist guide" to your city. Take them out and do some touristy/staycationy kinds of activities to serve as "research" for what will appear in their book.
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents \*Locals only edition!: Go Green! Check out the Petco Park tour and focus on how "green" the stadium design and maintenance are. Do some research to learn about Seattle and Minneapolis stadiums and what efforts they made to be green-how could other stadiums or local amusement parks improve? Have your child write a letter to a local organization they think could be more environmentally friendly- what an empowering experience!
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents \*Locals only edition!: Be Waterwise together. Go to your local garden/landscape store to learn how to "water-wise" your home landscape or design a hanging garden with succulents. My favorite local resources for learning are the Carlsbad flower fields, Quail Botanic Gardens, and Branch and Barrel garden store on Santa Fe in Encinitas. Bonus idea: have your child track the changes in your water bill-they can graph their findings!
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents \*Locals only edition!: Local History Postcards. San Diego is rich in history that our kids don't get to learn about after 3rd or 4th grade. Take them down to Old Town or visit one of the 3 missions near us. Teach them how to take photographs that capture the essence of our local history. They can turn these photos into postcards on Shutterfly or Vista Print that you can order to send to family members. As you visit these places ask them to think about the varying perspectives of those that lived through these times and experiences, in particular, those that are not the dominant ones covered in school (ie., women, children, Native Americans)
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents \*Locals only edition!: Beach Clean-up and recycled art. Do a beach clean-up and turn what you recycle into art. A quick trip to Michael's and you can buy a canvas, some paint and other fun materials to create a masterpiece!
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Prepare a pitch for an upcoming family vacation. This is a great way to teach research skills! Have each child put their findings in a travel brochure using templates in "Pages" or "Word" and prepare a pitch for your next family vacation. Fun fact, this is how my family landed on Seattle for our last family trip ;)
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Make a stack of greeting card with circuits! This is much easier than it sounds! Check out this tutorial here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VNwBUa1qqI>
- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Playground design. Visit some cool local playgrounds and do some online research. Your child can create a playground proposal (a scaled blueprint and/or written proposal) to send to a local decision-maker. for their local park or school. Locals Only edition: Check out the playground down at the SD Harbor!

- ❑ PBL-ish ideas for parents: Go on a nature hike and make a calendar or Coffee table book on Shutterfly. These make great gifts and also provide teachable moments for writing, revision and photo production. Locals Only Edition: Check out mission trails nature center or the San Elijo or Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

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