

Helping your Inventor Identify Problems

Dear Parents,

We have been working on our Invention Convention projects. Your child is very excited about being an inventor! We discussed that each child's invention should be something that is from his/her life or a problem his/her family or community faces. Inventors should be passionate about the problem they hope to solve.

An invention is either something that never existed before, or, a new improvement on a product that already exists. We encourage our inventors to collaborate with peers and adults when coming up with their idea, when building the prototype, and when practicing their presentation.

We encourage you to communicate with your child throughout the invention process. Your child may begin to ask about the problems you face or problems you see around the world in the news. Please encourage your child to speak with family members and friends and record their learning in their Invention Log. This is a great way to start coming up with ideas for solutions (inventions).

Thinking of an idea for an invention is the absolute hardest part of Invention Convention. It requires collaboration, observation, and reflection. Thank you for helping your young inventor by being a sounding board for invention ideas. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

