

STEPHINE Alphabet



STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process. These are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

Why integrate STEAM?

Ten years ago, early education began to place a huge focus on phonics and reading. Shining Stars Academy has been proud to be among the Preschools who offer a phonics program, and our program as shown excellent results.

Research is now showing that due to the hyper-focus on reading, upper elementary-age students are showing a significan decline in proficiency in science and math, with only 37% of fourth graders scoring proficient and 1% scoring advanced in the science section of the National Assessment of Education Progress. Further, only 40% of preschools interviewed natioally offered science in any form. At Shining Stars Academy, we are committed to a balance in education and seek to enrich our students in all areas. We are happy to be among the select schools that offer science lessons every day. Students who attend Shining Stars Academy will now experience hand's-on STEAM lessons each day that correspond to the letter of the week. Join us as we lead the industry in promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, the

Arts, and Mathematics!