

Q: Why is it important to get students involved in the maker sciences at a young age?

A: "If you can start at an early age, it gets kids comfortable with not only thinking outside the box, but also being hands on



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and being able to have the confidence it takes to construct something on their own," says Leah Jackson, director of the center of technology and invention at Hathaway Brown School. "For the younger kids, we are doing a mobile lab with less intimidating tools like a Cricut cutter instead of a laser cutter. This will start to introduce them to the same concepts, but they are a little more age-appropriate. The flexibility that comes with combining what you've learned in history [and] math, with science, with performing arts in order to solve a problem, that process is going to be really important for future success."