



Other Fun stuff:

- *Enroll your child in an afterschool science program. Ask at your child's school or another community organization
- *Get a book of logic puzzles that your child can work on to develop critical thinking skills while having fun
- *Keep taking them to children's museums! Children's museums usually have great science exhibits that will inspire your child's imagination!



Your child will respond to the way you feel about science and technology: you can show that you are interested in these areas even if you don't have any experience with them. Your child will care more that you're interested and encouraging than whether you know a lot about science or engineering.

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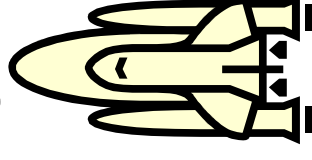
Does your child like taking things apart to see how they work?

...solving puzzles?

...building things?



Your child might want to be an engineer!

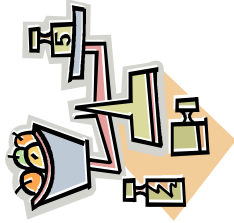


Here are some ways you can encourage your child's interest in science and engineering



At Home:

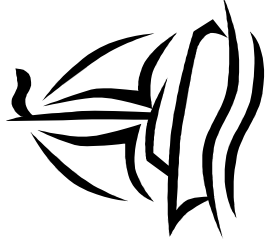
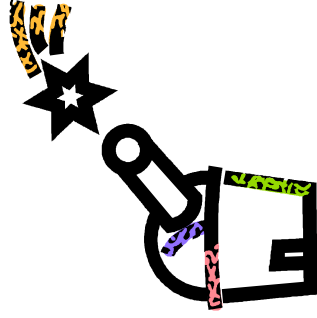
- *Work with your child on their math skills:
 - the basics (addition, subtraction, multiplication tables, etc)
 - using a ruler, thermometer, or stopwatch to make measurements
 - letting them make change from a dollar to practice mental math
 - let them see when you use math in your daily life (in cooking, paying bills, etc) so that they see that math is a useful skill
- *Kitchen chemistry experiments are a great way to expose your child to science without needing any special facilities



*Ask them to think about who made all the electronics they see everyday (computers, cell phones, televisions,)—that's engineering!



*Take your child to the library and help them pick out at least one book on an area of engineering that interests them: rockets, recycling, ships, robots, computers...the sky's the limit!



At School:

- *Encourage your child to work extra hard in math, science, and writing
- *Ask your child's teacher about their science curriculum and help get your child excited about it
- *Find out if there will be a science fair and help your child choose a project

