

DESiGN LAB
LEARN + BUILD

WELCOME
EDUCATORS &
VOLUNTEERS!

Bathrooms/
Logistics

WHO RUNS DESIGN LAB?

Christen Lubbers

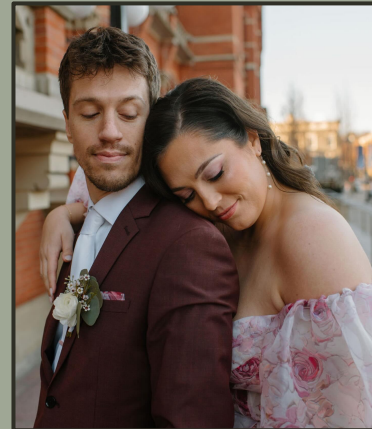
- Executive Director
- Informal Educator of 8 years
 - Cincinnati Zoo
 - Newport Aquarium
 - Ohio River Foundation
- MA of Conservation Biology at Miami University
- Past President of USGBC SW Ohio



WHO RUNS DESIGN LAB?

Emily Storm

- Program Manager
- B.A. in Global Studies from Ohio University
- Background in customer service and technical training
- Avid reader, dog mom, Bravo! lover, foodie



Design LAB: Learn + Build

Inspire awareness, appreciation, & improvement of the built environment through education

- SEEK CINCY
- Construction Tours
- Recognition Awards
- Great House Tours
- Other Various Programming
- Building Challenges
 - Gingerbread House Competition!



DESIGN LAB COMMITTEE

■ Volunteers

- Brad Dunn – Retired Bliss
- Melanie Copenhaver – Champlin
- Mary Kate Genis – KZF Design
- Michelle Mahoney – Al. Neyer
- Mike Benkert – Emboss Design
- Mileek Williams - GBBN
- Paul Michels – Black & Veatch
- Rachel Hock – Schaefer
- Zohet Baba Diaz - Hixson
- Chase Eggers - Skanska

■ Educators

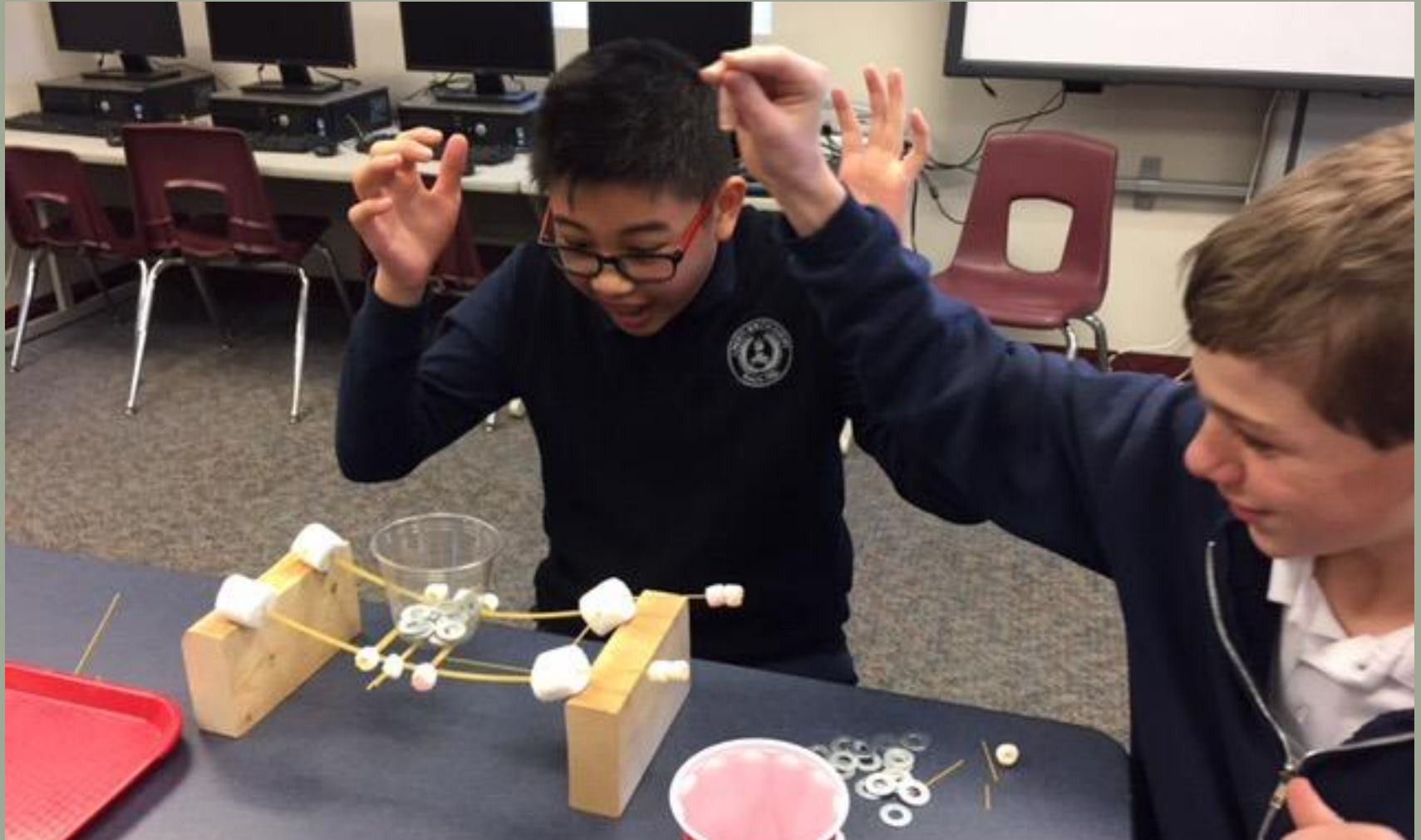
- Leslie Burklow – E.H. Greene
- Kathy Grimm – Colerain Middle School
- Cynthia Tissue – Covedale Elementary

Exposing Students to Architecture, Design, and Building

- First half of the program is learning the basics and figuring out client/site/sketches
- Second half of the program is all about trying it out – playing with materials and building them up into
- Career opportunities – share your experiences!
- Teamwork is a focus



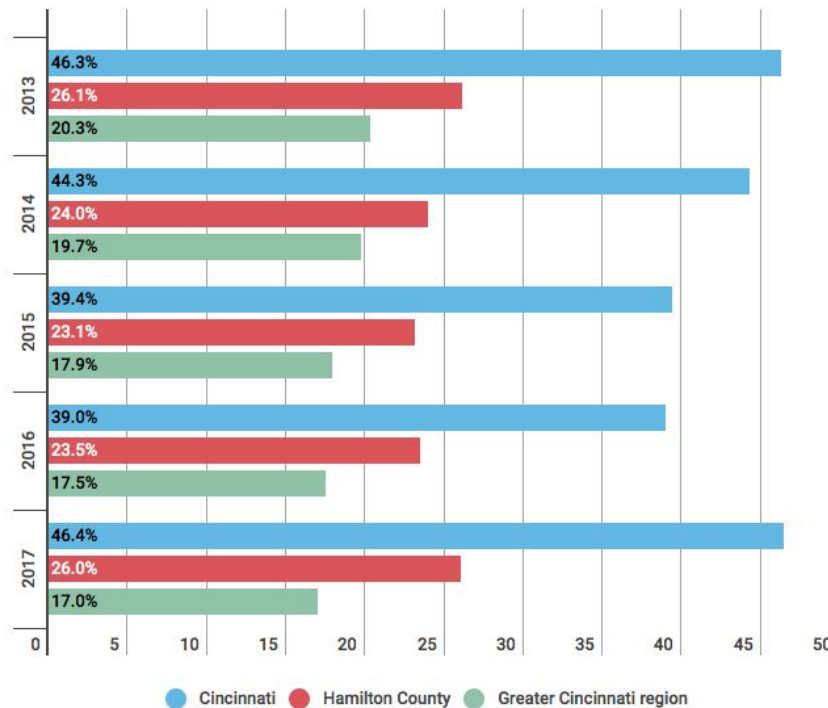
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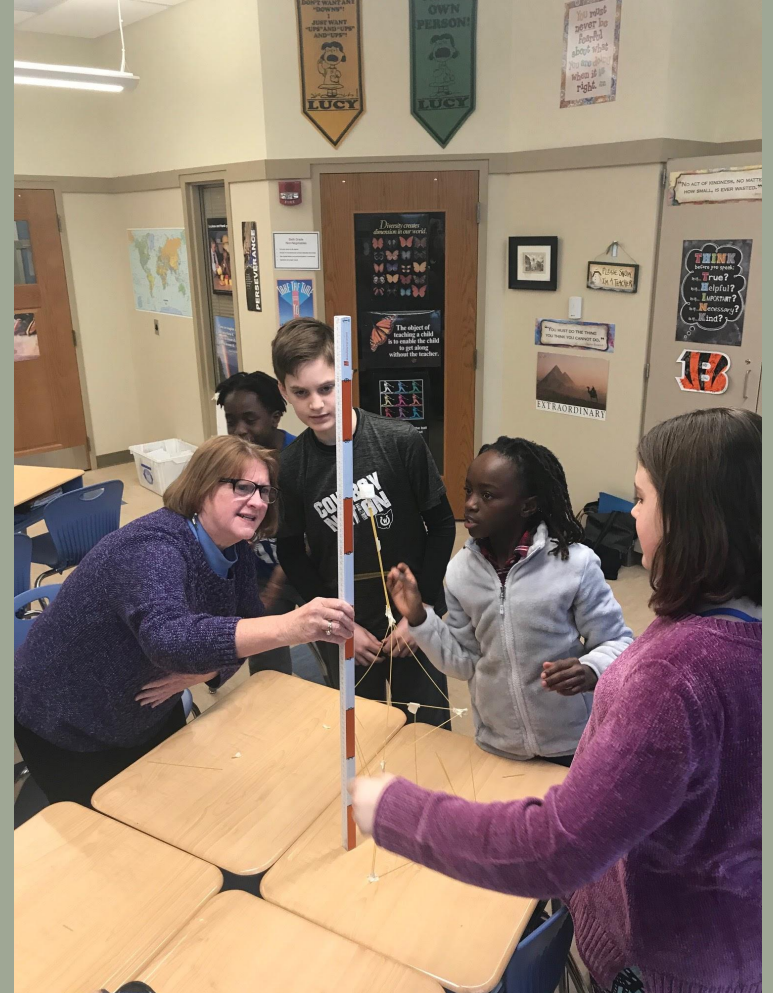
WHY DO WE DO DESIGN LAB?

Child poverty in Greater Cincinnati

New estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey show child poverty rates in Cincinnati and Hamilton County are on the rise after several years of decline. The rates reflect the percentage of residents younger than 18 who are living at or below the federal poverty level.



We Have So Much Fun!



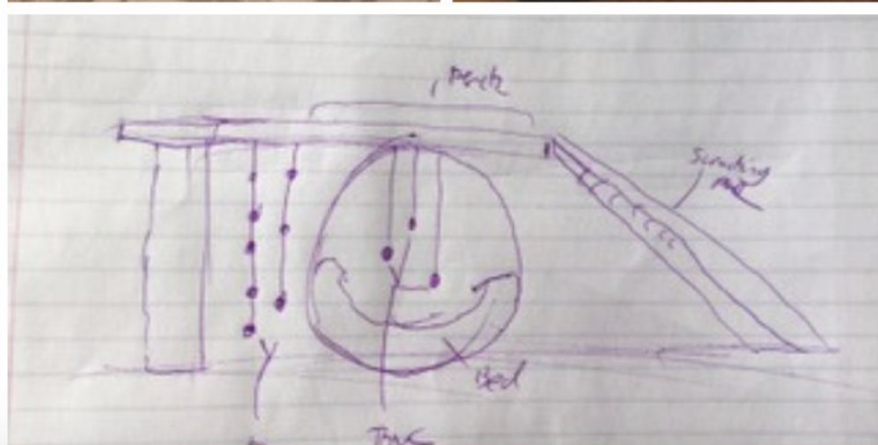
THANK YOU!!

Design LAB is only made possible with your participation and support – THANK YOU!

Design LAB 2020

What did we
learn?





Design LAB 2024

RESOURCES

Bi-Weekly Emails & Website links

Worksheets for Ideation and Submissions

Educator & Volunteer Resource Guide

2024 SCHEDULE

(tentatively)

First Visit	December 2023
Project Intro	January
Work Period	Jan – May
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research, Concepts, Drawings- Modeling & Process Documents	
Material Pick-Up	February 19
Design LAB Exhibit	May 11-18
Jury Event	May 14
Awards Ceremony	May 18
Appreciation Party	Summer 2024

What's Next?

- Team Assignments are going out! If you haven't received yours yet, you will soon
- Reach out to your educator/volunteer as soon as possible to go over how you will tackle 2024
- I will continue to send out bi-weekly emails throughout the semester – please try to read these and let me know if you need support!

Intro Visit

Priority: Get Students Excited!

- Classroom logistics
- Marshmallow & spaghetti or gingerbread house build
- Introductions
- Pre-assessments



Week 1: Introduction

Priority: Layout Program & Theme

- Powerpoint #1
- Set Expectations
- The Design Process
- Understanding Food Spaces
- Explaining your role



Week 2:
Build Your Dream Home
Plan/Section/Elevation

Priority: Financial Literacy

- Worksheets
- Variations (everyone gets 1 loan approved or multiple levels)
- Explain how this relates to your job

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build your dream home activity

Choose which size of house you want:

 Small House \$100,000	 Medium House \$200,000	 Large House \$500,000
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Now, choose which extras you want to help turn your house into your dream home:

 Pool \$20,000	 Hot Tub \$6,000	 Garage \$8,000	 Patio \$4,000	 Security System \$1,000
 Yard/Garden \$3,000	 Soundproof Music Room \$10,000	 Woodshop \$6,000	 Driveway \$3,000	 Fence \$2,000
 Basketball Court \$15,000	 Solar Panels \$25,000	 Wind Turbine \$100,000	 Geothermal Heating \$25,000	 Helicopter & Helipad \$200,000
 Golden Toilet \$2,000,000	 Library \$2,000	 Indoor Slide \$10,000	 Treehouse \$8,000	 Movie Theater \$30,000
 Gaming Room	 Fireplace	 Elevator	 Aquarium	 Piano

Priority: Understand Plan/Section/Elevation

- Bell Pepper (cut ahead of time if needed)
- Bring documents of projects you're working on if possible
- Powerpoint available, but not necessary

DRAWING ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS:



ELEVATION



PLAN



SECTION

1. Set the first **uncut** pepper on the desk or table in front of you. Crouch down and look at it with your eyes level with the **side** of it. What you see is the **ELEVATION** of the pepper. Draw what you see in the **first** section of the paper. An **elevation** is a drawing of the **side** of a building, and is a direct, **perpendicular** view to what you are seeing and drawing.

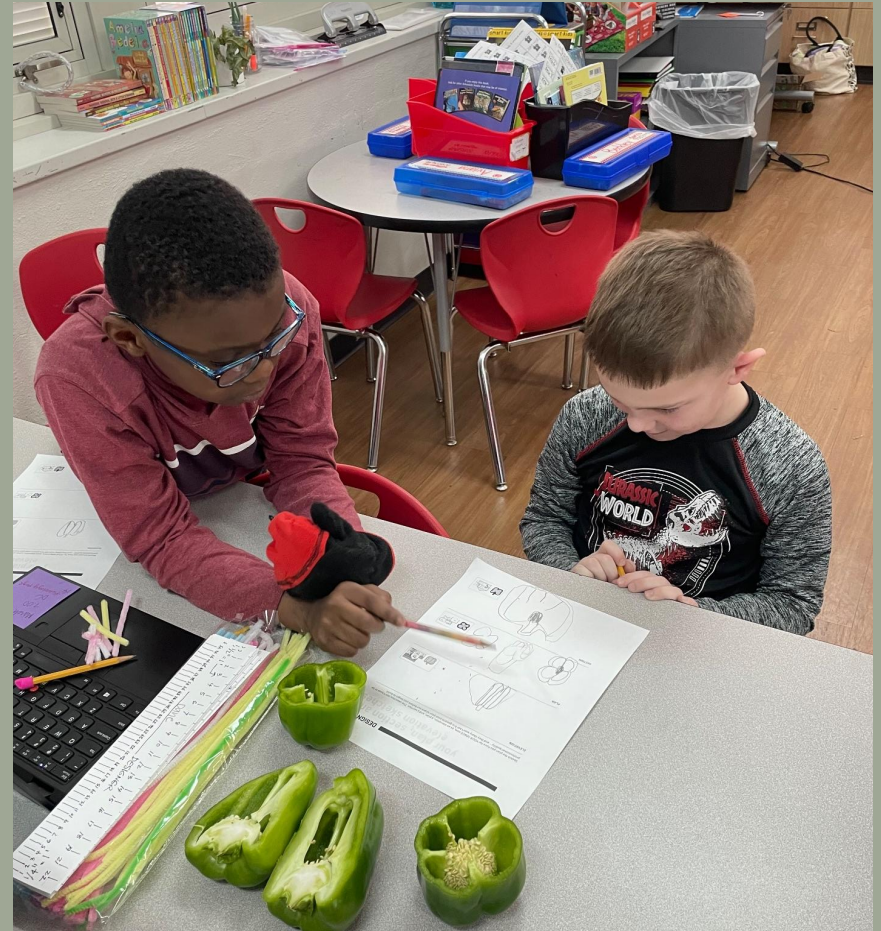
2. Slice the second green pepper in half **horizontally**. What you see when you look **down** into the bottom is the **PLAN** of the pepper. Draw what you see in the **top half of the middle section** of the paper. When you draw the plan of a building, you are showing a horizontal "slice" at approximately four feet above the floor. When you look directly **down** at the top of the **un-cut** pepper, what you see is the "ROOF PLAN." Draw the roof plan of the pepper **below the floor plan**.

Try to orient the shape of the pepper the same way for both drawings. On the **Floor Plan**, shade in the thickness of the "walls". This shading is called "poche."

3. Slice the third green pepper in half **vertically**. When you look at the cut side of either half, you see a **SECTION** view of the pepper. Sections show **vertical** relationships between spaces in a building, and the walls beyond the "cut line" can be drawn in elevation within the section. Just like the plan, it's a "slice" through the object—shade in the thickness of the walls, roof and floor like you did for the walls on the plan.











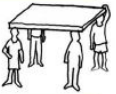







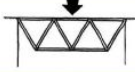


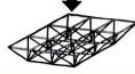


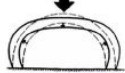


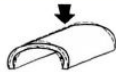




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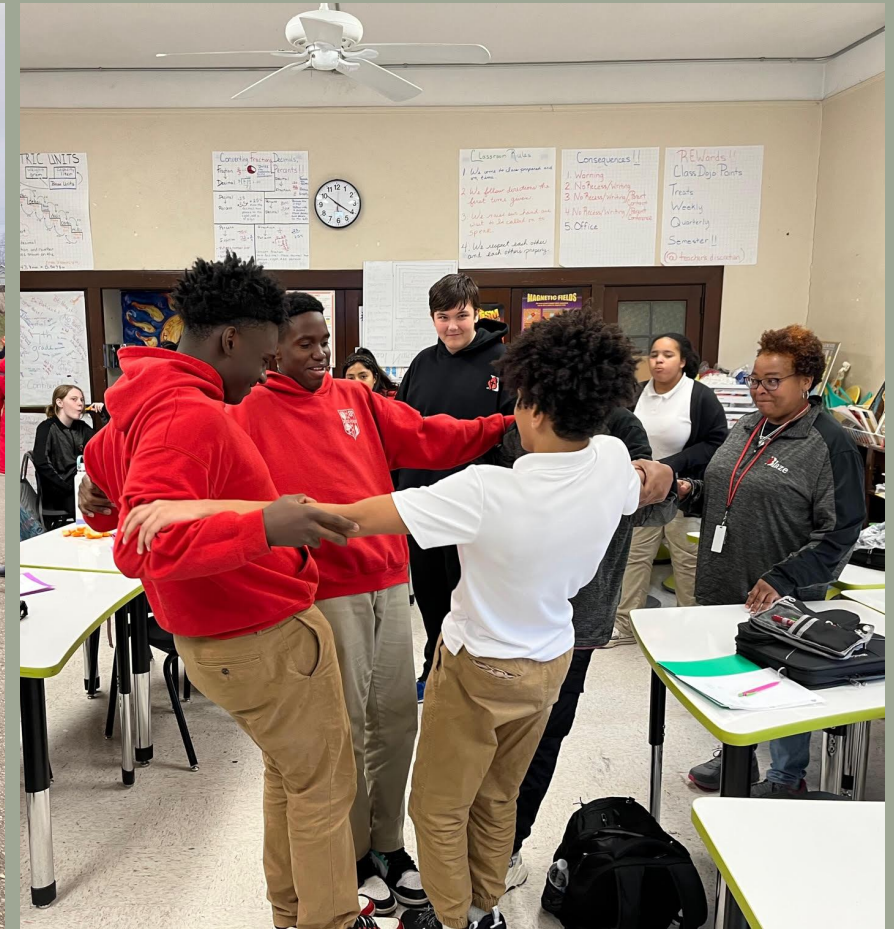
Week 3: Structures & Spatial Awareness

Priority: Understand Basic Building Concepts

- Powerpoint for reference, if you want to use it
- Very Active Lesson!
- If there is an option to do this in a larger/more open room - use it!

	Spanning across an opening, supported at both ends			
WALL	A vertical planar element that separates two spaces			
SLAB	A horizontal planar element that separates two spaces			
CANTILEVER	A horizontal structural element supported only at one end			
FRAME	A rectangular arrangement of linear structural elements			
TRUSS	A 2-dimensional triangular arrangement of linear structural elements			
SPACEFRAME	A 3-dimensional triangular arrangement of linear structural elements			
ARCH	A curving or pointed element that spans across an opening			
VAULT	A series of parallel curved or pointed arches			
DOME	A series of curved or pointed arches on a round or many-sides base			

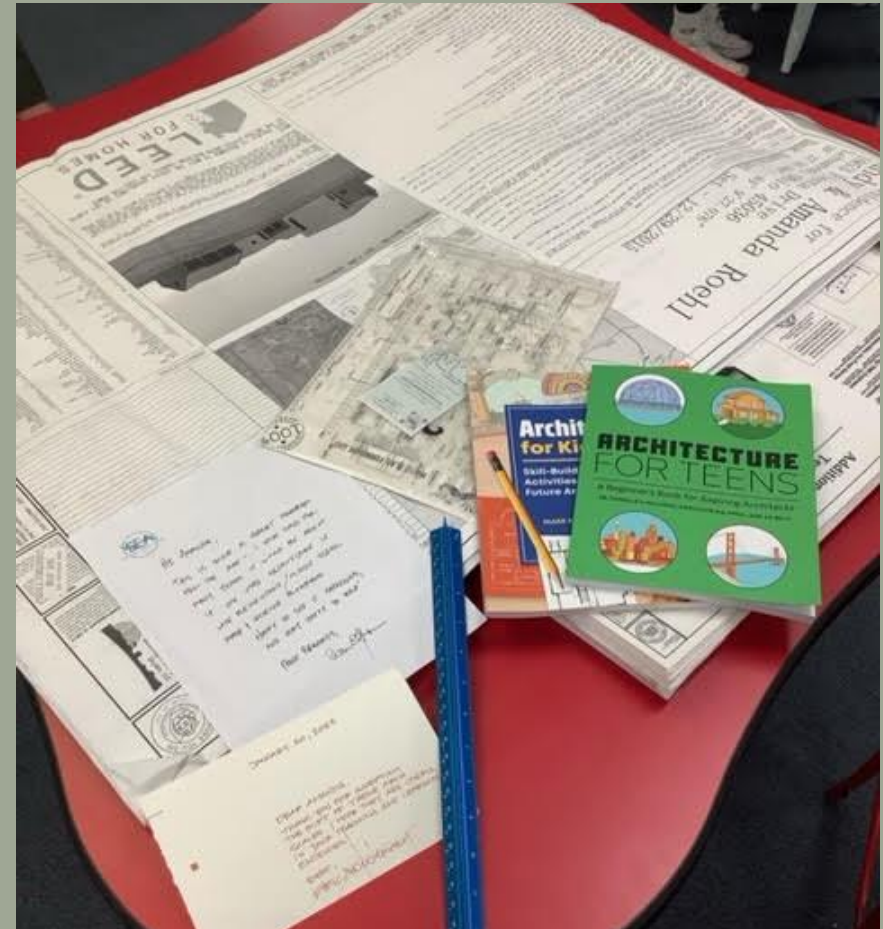
Priority: Understand Basic Building Concepts



Week 4: Sustainable Building Design

Priority: Understand Sustainability in Design

- First worksheet
- Start thinking about model
- Explain how sustainability works in your career
- Explain why it is important to build with the environment and people in mind - and why anyone wouldn't



Week 5:
Drawing to Scale

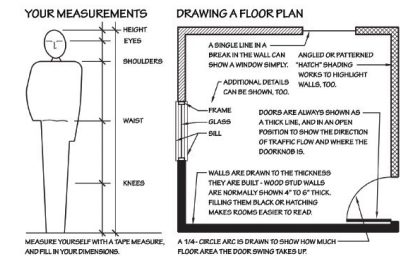
Priority: Students Understand Scale (Enough)

- No tears!
- Age-Appropriate introduction

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STUDENT HANDOUT

1. Have students measure their classroom, or bedroom at home, and draw a floor plan and the elevation of a wall with a window in it.
2. Evaluation – Have students write about their space. Is your room comfortable for the activities you do in it? Would it be too big or too small for other activities? Why?



YOU	SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"	YOUR CLIENT
6'	6'	6'
5'	5'	5'
4'	4'	4'
3'	3'	3'
2'	2'	2'
1'	1'	1'
6"	6"	6"
3"	3"	3"

YOUR ROOM

AFTER YOU HAVE YOUR MEASUREMENTS, SKETCH A SCALE IMAGE OF YOURSELF ON THE LEFT.

FOR YOUR CLIENT, RESEARCH OR ESTIMATE THEIR MEASUREMENTS.

COPY OR TRACE YOUR SCALED CLIENT TO CARDBOARD AND CREATE A CUTOUT FOR YOUR DRAWING WORK, AND/OR A STAND-UP FIGURE FOR YOUR MODEL.

Week 6: Client & Site Selection

Priority: Students Decide Site & Client

- Teams should be decided on by now (we recommend 4 per group)
- Research-heavy section
- Trifold Material
- Explain how this process is similar to or differs from how it works in your career

CASE 1: SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Your school is going to remodel their cafeteria. You have to work with the space in your school, but there is no limit on spending or creativity. If your cafeteria could be anything, what would you build?

CASE 2: CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Growing, preparing, and enjoying food looks different depending on where you are and can teach us a lot about the people who live there and the landscape they live in. Can you build a food space that highlights a specific culture's take on one (or all) of those?

CASE 3: ANIMAL FOOD

Animals eat, too! Create a food space that grows, prepares, or gives animals a space to enjoy food. It could be wild animals or some of our beloved pets, but we want you to prioritize your client's wants and needs to build them the best food space possible.

CASE 4: OUT OF THIS WORLD

Think of the worlds below us (underground, under water), above us (the sky, space), or a world that is foreign to us completely (one where zombies exist, a dream or a nightmare scene, food of the future, or the set of Spongebob) and build a food space that would exist in that world - it can focus on growing, preparing, or devouring food (or all of them).

CASE 5: FULL CIRCLE

Is your team up for the challenge? Figure out a way to show all 3 stages of food spaces in one location: growing, preparing, and enjoying in one spot!

Week 7: Design Ideas

Priority: Solidify Ideas

- Worksheet #2
- Decision making day
- Explain how this exercise relates to the real world - how does this look in your career?

2024 Food for thought design ideas form

Name(s): _____ Grade: _____
Teacher: _____

Refine your ideas or switch them up if you'd like - this is the time to finalize your plan for your model. This form, in addition to the Site/Client Form & the Sustainable Building Design Ideas form, and your food space sketches will build the groundwork for your model. The next time your class meets for Design LAB, use these documents to present your ideas for your model to your peers. This is your chance to change or refine your ideas if needed. Feel free to go back and change past forms if they need to be updated.

Give your food space a name: _____

What food(s) will your space focus on? _____

ORGANIZING & DESIGNING

Describe your food space in each of the following areas. *If needed, use a separate piece of paper for each.*

SIZE: What dimensions does your food space need to be? (Think: width, length, height) _____

SHAPE: What shape will your food space be? How will that shape best suit your client(s) needs? _____

LOCATION: Where is your food space? (indoors vs. outdoors; rural vs. urban) _____

ORIENTATION: What direction does your food space face? How does it relate to its surroundings? _____

TREATMENT: What will your food space be made of? How do those materials impact your food space? (Think: aesthetically pleasing, structurally sound, helpful to the environment) _____

What materials would your food space be made of if it were actually built? _____

SITE (How does your food space protect & work with the natural environment?) _____

WATER (Does your food space collect, use and protect water wisely?) _____

ENERGY (Does your food space produce energy? Does your food space use energy? How do you conserve energy?) _____

MATERIALS & RESOURCES (Are your materials, safe, efficient, recycled, recyclable, produced locally?) _____

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (How does your food space benefit the environment?) _____

SUSTAINABILITY (How is your food space going to last for many years?) _____

PEER PRESENTATION

Use the above questions to form presentation about your model to your class. This is a rough idea.

Week 8:
Peer Presentations

Priority: Practice Critiques & Presentations

- Revamped Jury Sheet to be more student-friendly
- Peer-reviews are an important part of this process, but can be done in different parts of the process

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jury sheet

PROJECT NUMBER: _____ JUDGE'S NAME: _____

You will be evaluating Design LAB entries per criteria in four different award categories. Evaluation should include BOTH the model AND the tri-fold presentation.

AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

COMPREHENSIVE CONSTRUCTOR: Project represents a well-researched design that addresses client needs; project also pushed the limits on how to construct

a. Are the model and tri-fold well crafted with a good presentation of their design thinking & the team's intent with their build?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Did the building team choose an appropriate site that meets the needs of the chosen client?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Did the team consider how their project might be constructed in unique ways?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
d. Do all the model elements support their design intent?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

SUSTAINABILITY SURVEYOR: Project shows an awareness of the design's environmental impact and uses sustainable materials and solutions

a. Was the project built using entirely repurposed materials?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Does the project utilize sustainable design solutions (use of reclaimed materials, solar panels, passive energy solutions, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Does the project show innovative ways to limit or negate the impact on the environment (walkability, air quality, water quality, reuse centers, etc)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
d. Does the purpose of the model have a permanent/long-term use?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

INSPIRED INNOVATOR: Project is excellently thought out and pushes the limits of what we think is possible

a. Does the project and solution incorporate innovative design elements that are unique to this type of building?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Does the concept represent creative, out-of-the box thinking or problem solving?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Is the idea thoroughly thought out?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
d. Does the model incorporate unique materials or modeling strategies to convey their innovative idea?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOMEWHAT	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

JURORS' CHOICE: Award given by jurors to an outstanding project in each category. This build might be the juror's favorite for combining some of the criteria above or for reasons that aren't mentioned in the criteria. This is up to the jurors' discretion.

Week 9-15: Modeling

Priority: BUILD!

Modeling

- Best practices
- Material Drive
- Glue/hot glue/tape
- Scissors, zip snip, etc
- Allow for mistakes!
- Fail Forward
- Let the students do the work



Priority: BUILD!



Week 16:
Mini Design LAB Exhibit

Reality:
19 Weeks

Priority: Choose Your Class' Model!

- Only one model can represent each class
- Utilize Jury Sheet for this
- Utilize Trifolds
- Up to teacher how this goes - students can decide, other classes can, teachers can decide, etc



See You at the EXHIBIT!!

- Project Drop Off
- Exhibit Opens
- Jury Event
- Exhibit Reception
- Awards Ceremony
- Exhibit Closes

HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS!

- What role should the volunteer and teacher have in the program?
- What if the volunteer cannot make it?
- What if class is cancelled?
- What leads to success in the program?
- What are the best & worst things to do in Design LAB?
- What other questions do you have?
- Stickers