Upcoming Theme

Does the following theme not fit your idea? Don’t let that stop you from writing! We always make room for good manuscripts on any elementary science topic.

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The DIY movement, commonly known as the Maker Movement, has swiftly gained ground among the nation’s schools. Students are involved in the rapid prototyping process via 3D printers, explore how to code an assortment of small robots, and participate in robotic events and competitions. The NGSS clearly delineate the importance of incorporating engineering and the design process into teaching and learning of science. It can be challenging, however, to incorporate these new technologies and pedagogies into a life science, physical science, or earth science classroom. Please note that engineering activities should support science standards. Share your ideas for how you....

• Incorporate inventions, patents, and/or engineering into your teaching
• Use engineering challenges to teach scientific principles
• Ensure that conceptual understanding is met as a result of an engineering challenge
• Use 3D printing, coding, or other technology to support science learning
• Obtain funding, organize supplies, and manage classroom activities associated with making or engineering

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