

## 21 Club – LearningWorks Afterschool at Skillin

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### What is 21 Club/LearningWorks Afterschool?

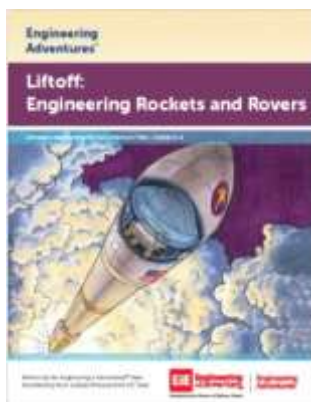
21 Club is a hands-on, project-based afterschool program focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education. 21 Club is specifically designed to give students a positive learning experience that fosters **excitement about learning** and contributes to their **confidence** and **success** in school!

21 Club provides opportunities every day to practice and reinforce skills in **reading** (fiction and nonfiction), **writing** (science notebooks), **math**, **speaking/listening**, and **vocabulary**.

Students participate in “Engineering Adventures” from the Boston Museum of Science, where they build skills in: Problem solving, Teamwork, Communication, Creative Thinking.

### Curriculum Highlight – Winter Engineering Unit

It is time for us to start our winter Engineering Adventures unit: **Lift Off! Engineering Rockets and Rovers.** “Jacob is at NASA’s



Jet Propulsion Laboratory learning how to engineer rovers that can be used to explore faraway worlds. Meanwhile, India is learning about the trade-offs and variables involved in engineering a rocket as she blasts off to the International Space Station. Kids will engineer rockets and rovers to help India and Jacob explore several planets and moons in our solar system.”

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### Upcoming Events

#### January 8

UNE Dental School Visit to Program

#### January 16

Field Trip to SoPo Public Library

#### January 17

21 Family Night & Skillin Community Dinner!!!!

### Sample Daily Schedule

*Actual schedule may vary due to special events, field trips, and weather*

3:05-3:40

Check-In, Snack & Recess

3:45 – 4:00

Quiet Work

4:00-4:15

Afternoon Message/Mindfulness

4:15-5:15

STEM/Club

5:15-5:25

Reflection Meeting

## Things to Look Forward To:

### February 2019: Read to ME

21 Club will be participating in February's Read to ME event again this year. The *Read to ME Challenge* is a month-long public awareness campaign to promote childhood literacy in Maine held annually during the month of February.

We will host local business owners, leaders, politicians, and community members at our program. These visitors will read a story to our students, and then discuss their job and answer questions. Last year we hosted Ken Kunin, SoPo Superintendent, a Red Claws athlete, and the SoPo Police Chief (Among many!). If you have any ideas of who to ask to come in and read to our students (or would like to come in and read yourself!) contact Misty or Katy!

### Spring 2019: Arts & Engineering

We were recently awarded a grant through the **Brick and Beam**



**Foundation**, allowing us to enter into an exciting new partnership with Side x Side, adding more arts integration into our programs this spring!

## What our Staff are Up To:

### Professional Development

One of the pillars of LearningWorks Afterschool is that we offer regular monthly professional development for our staff. We do this not only to improve our own skills, but also to grow and improve what we offer to your students! Later this month we will be visited by our DOE Consultant and receive feedback on our program which may guide future trainings we offer. Other topics covered this year include:

- \* CPR/First Aid
- \* Safety Plans & Procedures
- \* Engineering Curriculum
- \* Google/Osmo Training
- \* Book Clubs
- \* Let's Go 5210

## Meet our Staff!

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