FAMILY PASSION PROJECTS

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A FAMILY PASSION PROJECT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE A PASSION AND PURPOSE TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY, WHILE MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND YOU.
UNDERSTANDING GIFTED LEARNERS

Before we can understand why passion projects are important, we need to take the time to understand how gifted learners often feel and consider what they often experience.

1. We feel overwhelmed by the number of things we can do in life.

2. We worry a lot about world problems and feel helpless to do anything about them.

3. Parents, teachers, and friends expect us to be "perfect", do our best all of the time.
FAMILY PASSION
PROJECT BENEFITS

FAMILIES ARE GIVEN AUTHENTIC OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE OPEN AND IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS.

FAMILIES MAKE AN IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY OR THE WORLD BY WORKING TOGETHER.

FAMILIES SPEND TIME TOGETHER SOLVING A PROBLEM RATHER THAN SPENDING TIME ON INDIVIDUAL DEVICES.
01 - BIG IDEAS

What are the goals for this part of the project?

02 - LEARNING EXPERIENCE

What do we need to learn or do about this part of the project?

03 - ACTION STEPS

What do we need to do next to move forward with our project?

FAMILY MEETINGS
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
RESEARCH PROJECT VS PASSION PROJECT
Opportunity to know each other well, work toward a common goal

Opportunity to problem-solve together and compromise to do what makes sense

Learning to give and receive feedback from each other

Collaborating as a family to make an impact on the community or the world around you

Creating something that, as a family, you can be proud of and share together

Accepting and appreciating the different things that everyone in the family learned from the experience
PROJECT TIMELINE

**PASSION**
Opportunity to know each other well, work toward a common goal

**PLAN**
Opportunity to problem-solve together and compromise to do what makes sense

**PITCH**
Learning to give and receive feedback from each other

**PROJECT**
Collaborating as a family to make an impact on the community or the world around you

**PRODUCT**
Creating something that, as a family, you can be proud of and share together

**PRESENTATION**
Accepting and appreciating the different things that everyone in the family learned from the experience

6 WEEKS OR 12 WEEKS
PASSION/PURPOSE

BIG IDEA:
What **topic/idea** do we want to learn about?
What **impact** would we like to make?
MASTERY PROJECT

THE OPPORTUNITY TO MASTER A SKILL OR CONCEPT BY DOING
KINDNESS PROJECT

THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT SOMEONE ELSE IN A POSITIVE WAY
INNOVATION PROJECT

THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW OR MAKE SOMETHING BETTER.
PERSPECTIVE PROJECT

THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE OR THE PERSPECTIVE OF SOMEONE ELSE
PLAN

BIG IDEA:
What materials will we need?
How much time will this take?
Who will our outside expert be?
PITCH

BIG IDEA:
What do we already KNOW?
What do we WANT to know?
HOW do we hope to find out?

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PITCH PROJECT IDEAS TO FAMILY MEMBERS

PITCH TO OUTSIDE EXPERT OR ORGANIZATION

PITCH PROJECT IDEA TO ANOTHER FAMILY
PROJECT

BIG IDEA:
What did you learn about yourself and each other today?
What do you need to do next?
What connections did you make?
PRODUCT

BIG IDEA:
What did you create as a family?
What did you design?
How will you share it with others?
PRESENTATION

BIG IDEA:
What did you LEARN?
What ACTION did you take?
What QUESTIONS do you still have?