



Adding STEM/STEAM blocks to our sessions has added academic richness and excitement for all students. Our lessons are aligned with **Next Generation Science Standards**.

Parents of K-2 children have access to a year's worth of fun STEAM activities that you can do at home! Just visit **EPIC PLAY 365**. ADNY ELD families have access to all of these fun activities for free (normally \$9.99 per month). Just enter code ADNY-100 at checkout.

A Note About Student Progress

Students in Extended Learning Day programs receive progress updates. This allows teachers to communicate with families regarding topics covered in the ELD classroom as well as their child's performance. Because Extended Learning Day sessions meet less frequently than regular school day classes, we cover less content. All sessions are designed to review high-priority grade level standards to ensure students have a deep understanding of concepts and high proficiency of skills. If you have questions about the information shared on your child's progress update, please communicate with their teacher.

Online Student Safety

Please always feel free to have an adult in the room while your child attends Catapult Learning classes. Our Zoom rooms are waiting room-enabled and only prearranged adult visitors receive the links to join the Zoom classroom. This vetted list is limited to Department of Education personnel and the Catapult Learning instructional team. If a teacher does not recognize a name as a pre-arranged visitor, they are not able to join the meeting.

For more about internet safety, visit www.consumernotice.org.

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Dear ADNY Extended Learning Day Family,

We have been so inspired by your continued support of your child's development and learning throughout this difficult school year. Entering the second semester, we remain committed to our partnership with ADNY: to provide your child the academic and social-emotional support to help them succeed in the classroom and in life. In this newsletter, we'll provide some program updates and remind you of helpful resources that you have access to as an Extended Learning Day family.



Parent Resources

With no shortage of helpful online resources, sometimes the most challenging thing is to keep track of what lives where. Remember that our [Parent Support Page](#) exists as a resource for Extended Learning Day families. This is a great place to go for updates about programming and to register for Parent Workshops!

Parent Workshops

Parent Workshops are important opportunities for ADNY families to connect with compassionate educators who can answer any questions you have about supporting your child. This month's parent workshops will cover:

- Growth Mindset
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Supporting Students with Special Needs
- Managing Anxiety
- Bullying Preventing

These are free to ADNY parents and offered at convenient times. [Sign up today!](#)

ELD Teacher Spotlight

Heather Rockwood is an all-star teacher! She supports ADNY students during the day as an elementary school teacher and ends the school day supporting students in the ELD classroom. We asked her to share her tips on cultivating positive relationships with her students:



"One of the first things I try to do when I get a new class is to find out their hobbies. I then try to incorporate them into my teaching. I find that when students know you genuinely care about them, the rapport you build fosters a good working relationship between you and your students."

Registration for summer programs opening mid-spring! Keep a look out, we'll email you!