



## exploring STEM careers

Elementary

# counselors

**Hands-On.** Elementary students still LOVE the STEM subjects. They like experiments, growing things, making slime, playing with computers. Encourage teachers to talk about different jobs when doing these hands-on activities with the kids.

**Books. And More Books.** Using the VA Career VIEW Booklists, create a library of books that relate to different STEM careers or activities. Many book-related activities can fulfill VA Counseling Standards as well as fuel the excitement of exploring STEM topics.

**Start to Make Connections.** This is the age when students can start making connections between the concepts they learn in class and how they can use it in life. For example, how can recycling in the classroom relate to environmental science jobs?

**Keep it Fun.** STEM subjects get tougher in middle school, and many students lose interest or find them so challenging that they no longer enjoy them. Elementary school is an ideal age to invite some FUN and interesting speakers to class to keep the interest alive.

**MOST IMPORTANT TIP:** Engage the teachers—show them how using VA Career VIEW activities can meet important SOL requirements!

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