

accessible video transcript

Lunch Club

Arge: So we weren't able to do it as an after-school because a lot of our students, particularly our Nest students, do take the school bus. So we opened it up as a lunch club.

So we meet twice a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, and our students grab their lunch. They come on up, they spend the first 10 minutes or so socializing, eating their lunch, and then, you know, they'll Ms. Locure and I will have the materials out and then they'll get right into working on their on their projects.

One of the things that we struggled with, because it was a lunch club, is making things work in a 45 minute period. And one of the greatest difficulties was managing materials. So the first couple of years, and Ms. Martin would join us sometimes and, you know, I would be running around trying to first lay out the materials and then really running around like crazy, trying to collect and clean up because there was a class right before makers club and a class coming in right after maker's club. So we had to deal with making sure that desks were cleared of food, cleared of materials.

But, you know, we've we've found a way to manage the materials and organize them in bins, in ways that made sense. It still can get a little messy, right? But anything interesting is messy if you kind of look at it at our tables right now, somebody might think that they look messy. But, you know, if you want interesting results, you need to get a little dirty.

Off camera: Do you use shoeboxes?

Arge: We use bins, plastic bins. The clear bins work best because you can kind of see what materials you have.

Off camera: So every student had a clear bin?

Arge: Yeah, we, every student had a clear bin last year, but we found that it was really hard to sort of pack those up. So this year we gave them Ziploc baggies, like the large gallon baggies, and that made it a little bit easier. But for the actual materials, we have clear bins for storing the materials that we're going to use throughout the year.