



Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that we will be continuing our Makerspace in the Rushmore Library! A Makerspace is a place where students are encouraged to create, tinker, explore, discover, and invent using a variety of tools and materials. In the Makerspace students work independently and collaboratively to solve real-world problems through hands-on exploration. Students learn cooperation, problem solving, and perseverance as they explore and dive deeper into their learning. Please see this website for more helpful information:

<https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/8818-makerspace-basics>

In order to help students and their families understand the expectations for using the Rushmore Library Makerspace, a “Makerspace User Agreement” is available to read in the Rushmore Library, as well as the Rushmore Library website (<https://rushmorelibrary.weebly.com>). We are happy to give you a printed copy as well. Please note, students will be asked to sign into library recess prior to using the Makerspace. Their signature will act as an acceptance of the user agreement.

The startup of our new Makerspace has been generously funded by a grant from the Carle Place Educational Foundation. In order to continuously stock our Makerspace, we will need your help collecting some supplies. Attached you will find a materials list. Some of the materials are items that you can find around your house, while other items can be purchased at your local craft store. Any items that you are able to donate would be a huge help keeping our Makerspace up and running.

As always, thank you for your support of our students!

With sincere appreciation,

*Mrs. Nelson*

Rushmore School Librarian