



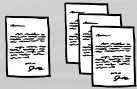
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Suggested Activity

To reinforce Invention Concept Seven, turn to page 16 of this Guide to complete the “Sponges” activity with the class.



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The Certificate of Recognition is available online at www.bkfk.com/toolkit.



DVD Connection

Please refer to your Invention Thinking DVD for great inspirations.



Internet Connection

For more great class activities and inventive thinking resources, check online at www.bkfk.com/toolkit.

Invention Concept Overview

Once the children have developed their own, original ideas, they should discuss them with their parents. Together, they can work to make the child’s idea come to life, and recognize successes along the way.

Introducing the Invention Concept

Tell students that many inventions became successful because the inventor had the support of a coach.

Discussion Points

Encourage students to think of people around them who might be a good coach to help them finish their invention. You can involve parents by simply sending a letter home with students to explain the project and let them know how they can participate. One of their parents may have invented something that they can share with the class. (See sample parent letter on page 17.)

Plan an “Invention Convention Day” to recognize your students for their inventive thinking. This day should provide opportunities for the children to display their inventions and tell the story of how they got their idea and how it works. They can share with other students, their parents, and others. When a child successfully completes a task, it is important that he or she be recognized for the effort. All children who participate in the Inventive Thinking Curriculum Project are winners.

Included in this manual are sample certificates that can be copied and given to all children who participate and use their inventive thinking skills to create an invention or innovation. These certificates can be found on the By Kids For Kids web site (www.bkfk.com/toolkit).

Coaching Tips

Some states have “Invention Conventions,” with local or regional competitions leading to a statewide convention. For examples of statewide invention conventions, see:

www.ctinventionconvention.org
www.just-think-inc.com
www.crd.ge.com/invent