



Van Gogh to Play Dough - April

Today we learned about inventors

Vocabulary:

Inventors are people who create something new or figure out a new way of doing something. Remember the inventor we used as our example?

Hero of Alexandria thought of the idea for a steam engine and then 2,000 years later, Thomas Savery was able to make one. Steam Engines give machines like cranes and trains the power and energy to move.

Additional Reading:

- *Rosie Revere, Engineer* By Andrea Beaty
- *So You want to Be an Inventor* By Judith St. George and David Small

To continue learning at home, try one of the following activities:

- Use items from around your house like popsicle sticks, cardboard boxes, toilet paper tubes, and paperclips to create your own inventions.
- Make a crane by following the directions in the link:
<http://www.athomewithali.net/2012/07/making-crane.html>
- Walk around your home and point out everything that had to be invented, try and imagine your life without those inventions!



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James Taylor Harwood (1860-1940)
Young Constructors
Oil on canvas mounted on board 1903
(reworked 1911)



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