

## **What is Genius Hour?**

Genius Hour is inquiry-based, student-directed learning. Sometimes called Passion Pursuit, it gives students an opportunity to look at the world around them and explore their own unique interests in a loosely structured, but supported, way. Students are in control; choosing what they study, how they study it, and what they produce or create as a result. As a learning model, it promotes inquiry, research, creativity, and self-directed learning. This is to be a project that emphasizes the love of learning. It is about the engagement and creativity for your kids.

During Genius Hour, students identify a topic or problem they are passionate about and form a deep, open-ended inquiry question to research, answer or solve.

Toward the end of their project, students present or create a final product that communicates their findings and/or solution. Genius Hour presentations can take a variety of written, spoken or visual forms, a book, a script, a movie or a speech; through cooking, building.

To conclude a Genius Hour project, students reflect on their experience of the inquiry-based learning process. They may even form new questions that could be answered in subsequent Genius Hour projects.