



WHAT-IF?!

FAMILIES, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.



WHAT-IF...

due to my work schedule, I can't be fully available when my child does their projects?

It's perfectly okay for your child to do their project without direct adult supervision (in fact, that's pretty much the goal!).

The goal here is to get kids doing independent things so they feel confident, capable, and actually grow their independence! It's a good thing if you're not within arm's reach as they do their projects. In fact, [here's one mom's journey of going from "guilty to proud" as she realized how her unavailability benefitted her son's level of independence!](#)

Each month, you (or your caregiver) and your child will have a conversation about their project choice for that month (the monthly Project Handout is loaded with simple project ideas for inspiration). This is a good opportunity to navigate together which project ideas are okay for when the parent or caregiver is at home versus not at home. Choose the right fit for your family.

Yes, your caregiver(s) can provide the project support.

A parent OR a caregiver can provide support as your child goes through the monthly project experience. The one-page monthly Project Handout has got you covered! It guides parents and caregivers through the simple, at-home conversation around your child's project. It includes helpful prompts for when your child chooses their project, a list of project ideas for inspiration, and guidance on the brief "So-how-did-it-go?" conversation after their project.

WHAT-IF...

our family's schedule is very busy? How will we fit in the monthly project?

This is pretty much a keep-it-simple kind of thing. (We see you, Parents!)

The typical Let Grow student project is simple and doable. Sigh of relief, right? There's no need to run out to the store for posterboard and glue sticks. (Whew!)

The monthly Project Handout is full of realistic project ideas for inspiration. As your kid starts taking on more for themselves, you'll start taking things off your own plate!

There's plenty of flexibility to choose the timing that fits your family's schedule.

This is not a one-night assignment, due the next day. Teachers establish an ample timeline to allow for plenty of opportunity for students and families to fit this into life!

WHAT-IF...

our caregiver's level of caution interferes with my child's ability to independently do their Let Grow projects?

Start by talking with your caregiver(s) about the level of independence your child's projects might require, and how that will look a little different than what you've all been used to.

Be as candid and specific as possible, so that everyone is on the same page as your child begins doing their projects. Agree upon the level of communication you all prefer with regard to your child's project choices and plans. Discuss some possible project scenarios to determine your family's comfort level. Ideally, your caregiver(s) is left with clarity and confidence to step back as needed to allow your child's level of independence to flourish.

This is meant to be a fun learning experience that should fit easily into your lives. If you have any questions, your child's teacher is happy to address them.