



< Coding is Fun! >

A new weekend computer programming (coding) club sponsored by the PTO of TAOTS.

- > TV, movies, mobile apps, video games — most kids consume hours of media every day, but how often do they create?
- > The goal of the Coding is Fun club at TAOTS is to give parents and kids dedicated time to explore and create with computer code, in a meetup-style environment, with the support of volunteer mentors.
- > Our primary tool is Scratch: A visual, block-based, programming tool from MIT that helps kids learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential 21st century skills.

Meetup Format

The goal is to meet twice per month on Saturday morning at TAOTS from 10am-12pm starting November 1, 2014. **At least one parent must attend with their child (this is not a drop off event).** Note: Although some instruction is planned, this is not a dedicated programming class — it is intended to be a fun, creative, educational activity for parents and kids. **No prior programming experience is required by the child or parent.** The meetups are free.

How to Participate

Initial meetups are limited to 20 TAOTS children (grades 3-5) along with their parents. If you are interested, **please complete the online interest form by October 12th at: www.taotspto.org/codingisfun.** For questions, email Richard Klein (rich@taotspto.org).