**Healthy and fun all in one. Let’s...**

**BENTOGETHER**

**Features**

1. **Plan** meals and view information about the nutritional value.
2. **Prepare** meals together with family.
3. **Customize** your dinosaur with points earned from creating and preparing meals.
4. **Pack** the lunch in a customizable box.
5. **Play** with your dinosaur friend and view messages during lunch.

**Design Space**

Parental involvement has major influence over various areas of childhood development. Believing this, we wanted to explore how the traditional practices of bento translates to the modern day lunch making process in a digital and health conscious society.

**Solution**

BenTogether is a digital bento box paired with a mobile application that teaches kids about nutrition while promoting familial bonding and ease in the lunch process.

**Process**

We researched related literature, made surveys, and interviewed families to discover that they prefer a more fun and customizable system.

We decided to include modular pods and personalization features. To gamify the system, we incorporated rewards and a pet dinosaur.

Our physical bento box was made using a laser cutter, a 3d printer, and an arduino. Our digital app was made using pop, illustrator, and code.

We user tested with families to discover that the system motivated kids to make healthier choices and encouraged family teamwork.

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