

Learning Styles & Learning at Home

During the past two months, many parents have experienced just how challenging it is to teach their children every day. Some schools are burying students in work while others are not providing enough to stimulate their young minds. Whatever the case, parents are looking ways to make learning positive and productive for their children, and less stressful for their families.

One of the remarkable things about teaching children is realizing how differently each of them learn. It's not easy for educators in a school setting to address the individual styles and interests of each student. During this time at home, you have a unique opportunity to help your children explore less traditional ways of learning. In this newsletter, I'm sharing ideas and resources that will involve your child's preferred learning style and help you recognize and understand your child's learning strengths.

Educators often tell parents that they are their children's first teachers. It has never been more true than now, as we find ourselves in the teaching role at home. You have so much to offer your child, and know them best. Take advantage of this time to learn together with them.

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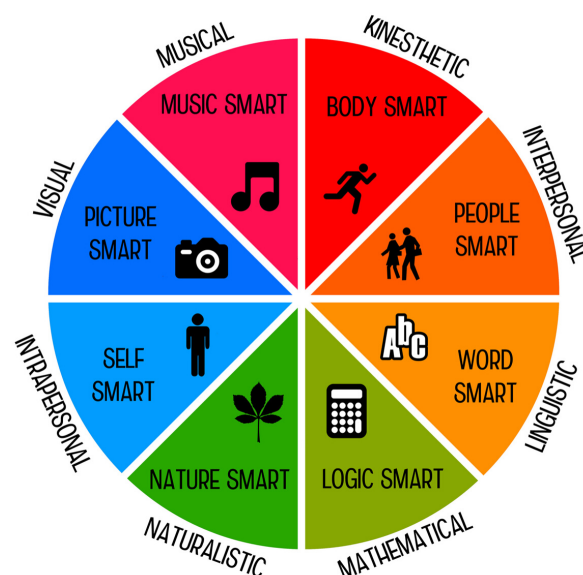
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What is Your Child's Learning Style?

Knowing more about your child's learning styles and strengths will help you create better learning opportunities at home. Is your child Word Smart, Number Smart, or Music Smart? Does your child prefer to keep still and work quietly or does he need to keep moving and grooving? Here are 2 quizzes that will help you find out:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/quiz-whats-your-childs-learning-style.html>

<https://bit.ly/kindergartenflyer> - PDF Download



Activities for Different Learning Styles



Math and beyond. Once your child completes her assigned math lesson, does she look for more ways to challenge herself? Beyond traditional math activities, children who have a passion for logical thinking and reasoning benefit from creating patterns and unlocking the key to puzzles. This website with printable logic puzzles for different learning levels will give your mathlete a good workout: <https://www.woojr.com/printable-logic-puzzles-for-kids/>



Budding naturalist. Does your child love to be outdoors and dig in the dirt to discover what is there? This kind of learner is drawn to nature and enjoys learning about living things and natural events. These are often the children that learn best outdoors and are naturally aware of their surroundings. This a fantastic website with many resources and ideas to keep your nature-lover busy: <https://www.nwf.org/Kids-and-Family/Connecting-Kids-and-Nature>



Sing a song. Children of all ages respond instinctively to music. Many children can sing song lyrics almost before they talk. In the classroom, some of the most popular activities in classes like Language Arts and Math are those that use music and rhythm. Many students that struggle with learning number facts or state capitals can learn them in a song and retain the information forever! A wonderful website that offers activities that develops children's musical interest, is: <https://solfege.io/music-games-classroom-online/>



Children as Artists. I have a personal belief that all children are born artists. But too often, children are told that they aren't expressing themselves the "right" way, or that "trees always have to be green," and eventually, they stop expressing their unique creativity. While our children are young, let's give them plenty of opportunities to be creative, get messy, and discover the artist inside them. One of my favorite children's books by an incredible author and illustrator, is *The Art Lesson*, by Tomie dePaola. He definitely knows all about being a "real" artist! Aminah's World is website that showcases artwork using traditional art materials along with found objects. To inspire your young artist, go to: www.aminahsworld.org/

Helpful Websites

Learning Styles & Multiple Intelligences

www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/creativity-and-critical-thinking/learning-skills-for-kids/how-your-child-smart.html

<https://coolerinsights.com/2014/06/how-to-raise-a-child-with-multiple-intelligences/>