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## TIP #10 Support Self-Directed Learning

Self-directed learning embraces the notion that children are curious by nature. Curiosity is the driving force that motivates learning. When children seek out, explore & try to understand things involving their own interests & passions, they are more likely to engage more fully with the subject or material they are exploring. This leads to a fuller, more comprehensive understanding of and better retention of learned information.

Children who are self-directed, self-motivated learners tend to become highly adaptable in new situations & challenges. They naturally seek out & assimilate new knowledge into what they already know. In addition, they tend to be more adept to overcoming any challenges they may face by using strategies & applying knowledge from previous experiences to the new situation. This ability to quickly learn and apply new skills promotes successful outcomes in life.

Self-directed learning leads to personal satisfaction & growth which drives the desire to further explore interests & discover new things. This is why self-motivation is a key to lifelong learning. When learning is learnercentered & self-directed, with parents & teachers gently serving as guides, it becomes fun & rewarding. When learners take charge of their own educational & learning experiences, they feel more empowered & responsible for their learning. This leads to a greater desire to learn more & fosters enthusiasm for doing so!





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