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... it is a dynamic **learning hub** for kids of all ages!



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- Kid-friendly recipes
- Holiday resources
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Fun Family Activities

Bears hibernate in Winter, but people don't!
So, this Winter, don't snore, learn more!





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ONLINE STORE & LEARNING HUB

Here is a gift from Maestra Casiano! → → → → →

These may look like simple stickers, but they are tools for a fun family activity & will help foster imaginative thinking! Help your child to use these stickers to create a snowperson adventure! Ask your child to place the stickers on the snowperson to create a unique character for a winter story!

*Explain that a **character** is a person, animal, creature that says or does something in a story.* Engage in conversation with your child about what the snowperson might say. Ask what the snowperson's name should be? What might a snowperson do? What might it be like to spend the day with a snowperson? What might your child do with the snowperson?

Place the assembled snowperson on a sheet of paper. Have your child decorate the sheet of paper with cotton balls, tissue paper, glue, glitter & other items to create a setting for the snowperson's adventure. *Explain that the **setting** is where & when a story happens.* Ask your child to create a story about the snowperson s/he created. Have them talk about the adventure then, write a caption! Snap a picture to capture the memories & consider posting a blog for a chance to win a special prize!

FREE GIFT

Put the Win in Winter

**STICKER
SNOWPERSON
ADVENTURE STORY**

Complete this fun family activity together!

Take a picture of your creation & the fun you have doing it together!

Share your experience by posting on the January Family Fun Activities Page for a chance



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Discover *fun*-tastic games, puzzles, educational toys, family activity sets, printables, apparel, plush toys, selfcare tools, STEM sets, craft kits, collectibles, novelty gifts, outdoor games, blankets & more!

TIP #19 Add Excitement to Learning Opportunities

Human beings are born eager to learn & grow. Even before birth, we are busy processing the world & developing ways to interact with & adapt to it. Kids are curious by nature. Adults can use this innate curiosity as a source of momentum & strength to facilitate learning. We can hone into what specifically interests & intrigues a child to develop excitement. We can use this excitement as momentum to explore beyond what is known & what is comfortable.

When we use a child's own preferences to help frame learning opportunities, we can help the child expand from his/her own zone of proximal development (ZPD) & comfort to explore new experiences & the unknown with a sense of reassurance & confidence. We can use curiosity & intrinsic excitement as fuel to empower children in their exploration of the world around them. Then, we can watch how a child's knowledge & working schema seems to exponentially grow like magic!



Lessons from *Cinderella*:

Be creative in the learning tools you make available

Often, what may look like simple household items or innate objects can be brought to life in a child's imagination. In *Cinderella*, mice, a pumpkin & a raggedy dress were magically transformed into new & exciting awe-inspiring items.

While Cinderella may have had a Fairy Godmother to help her with transforming the mundane into the profound, your child has an amazing internal magic – a rapidly growing & developing neural system! The brain has the magical power of the imagination to transform what a child encounters into something that fulfills a child's wonderment & curiosity.

As the neural pathways in children's brains develop at rapid speeds, children can form connections between items & experiences that an adult may not. This is why it is important to mindfully introduce new items, mediums, media, cultural experiences & resources to your child's world.

Use nature & the outdoors; community events & cultural celebrations; playdate opportunities & family gatherings; multicultural resources & a variety of textual experiences to foster dynamic & authentic experiences which nurture curiosity. Then, allow children to interact in these situations & with these items freely (although monitoring them for safety). This helps to foster innovative thinking, fuels curiosity & drives autonomy in seeking out new learning experiences. In turn, this generates more curiosity & manifests into a lifelong love of learning!

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: Why was the snowman looking in the bag of carrots?



A: He was picking his nose!

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