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

At the **Learning Made Fun With Maestra Casiano Online Store & Learning Hub**, you can find *fun*-tastic opportunities for family learning & bonding through:

- Kid-friendly recipes
- Holiday resources
- Multicultural resources
- Printable activities
- Story read aloud links
- STEAM projects
- Videos & music
- Book lists
- Art supplies
- Craft kits
- Engaging daily activities
- Family night suggestions
- Movie night activities
- Engaging activities
- Executive functioning tips

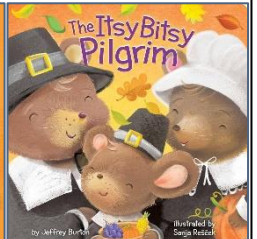
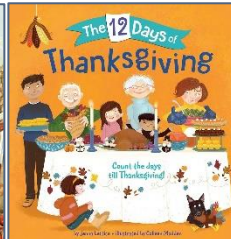
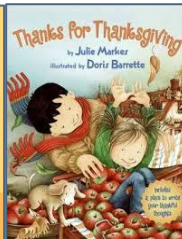
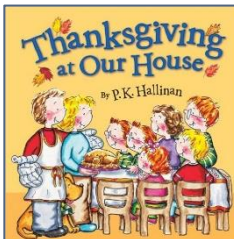
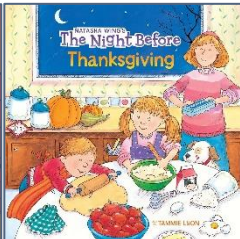
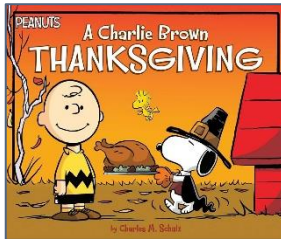
Loads of free, fun family resources & activities to celebrate the season of thanks at

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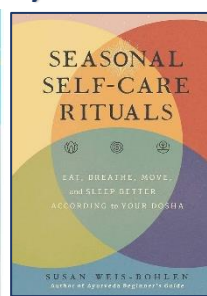


Arts & crafts; music & dance; kid friendly recipes & snack suggestions; tips for supporting school success & executive functioning; book lists & story read aloud stories; S.T.E.M. experiments & educational activities; holiday printables & family night activities – find them all at this teacher made online store & learning hub!

Find high interest, interactive & engaging books for kids of all ages!



Fall into a new hobby in a comfy, cozy way!



the Learning Made Fun with Maestra Casiano's Online Store & Learning Hub is your best source for innovative & exciting resources to promote learning engagement!

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!



Want to foster a love of learning at home?
Tip #18: Encourage Child Led Play

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Child led play fosters growing curiosity:

Child led play gives children time & space to notice & explore things that interest them as individuals. This naturally leads to increased exploration & generating questions about what a child is experiencing with his or her senses. These questions foster a desire to learn more & drive further inquisitive thinking which increases curiosity. Child led play is what leads to a life-long love of learning!



Child led play helps kids to develop confidence:

Giving children control & choice helps them feel capable & confident in their ideas & decisions. It empowers them to make choices & realize consequences. They learn to solve problems, work together, be adaptive & be self-reliant. This leads to building self-esteem providing the confidence children need to explore autonomously & try new things.



Child led play promotes innovative & creative thinking:

What adults may perceive as an old sock or a muddy puddle may be perceived as something completely different by a child. By giving a child time & power to make observations & choices about how the child wants to play or interact with things that are encountered, the child's imagination & creativity are allowed growth opportunities. The imagination grows best when children are not told *how* to interact with things or told *what* to do with them. Freedom to explore new ideas & apply innovative thought to different situations fosters critical thinking.



Child led play does not mean "adult absent":

Child led does not mean that adults disconnect. Child led play allows the adult to follow the child's curiosity to explore things that interest or intrigue the child. This exploration will naturally lead to questions that adults can help answer or explore together. Playing alongside a child is a great place for conversation to take place, memories to be made & bonds to be reinforced.

POINTS FOR US ADULTS TO REMEMBER

Follow their lead

Try not to take over or direct the play when joining in. Let them decide the next steps and how the play progresses.

Take time to observe

Watch what individuals gravitate towards, do they really love playing shop? Or with water? Can we add to, or adapt our resources to help them build on that interest?

Resources don't need to be expensive

They can be natural resources like leaves, sticks, water and mud. Or things that other people or businesses no longer have use for, like buckets, drain pipe and planks!

Maestra Casiano has created *your one stop holiday shop* for entertaining learning resources; *creative tools*; *fun*, family activities; *engaging books*; interactive toys; & *fun-tastic* novelty gifts for curious minds of all ages!

