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

**Find Fun-tastic Resources, Crafts, Gifts, Games & More to  
Build Holiday Memories with Those You Love**

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**ONLINE STORE & LEARNING HUB**

The **Learning Made Fun With Maestra Casiano Online Store & Learning Hub** provides *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

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## 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!



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

