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LearningMadeFunWithMaestraCasiano.com is not just an online store
... it is a dynamic learning hub for kids of all ages!



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

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









Put the Win in Winter with these comfort bundles & self-care supports:



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is your best source for innovative & exciting resources to promote learning engagement!

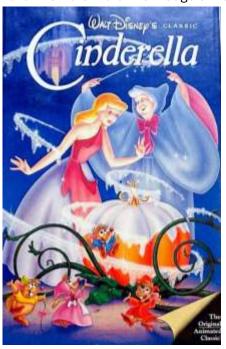
Discover *fun*-tastic games, puzzles, educational toys, family activity sets, printables, apparel, plush toys, selfcare tools, STEM sets, craft kits, collectibles, novelty gifts, outdoor games, blankets & more!

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 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!



