



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



Fun Family Activities
February 2026

Find songs, games, books, recipes, crafts,
STEM activities & more to celebrate February!

www.LearningMadeFunWithMaestraCasiano.com

The **Learning Made Fun With Maestra Casiano Online Store & Learning Hub** provides *fun*-tastic resources for learning opportunities that extend far beyond the walls of the classroom & promote meaningful interactions & bonding through:

- ❄️ Kid-friendly recipes
- ❄️ STEAM projects
- ❄️ Resources for lesson planning
- ❄️ Holiday resources
- ❄️ Videos & music
- ❄️ Recipes & cooking with kids
- ❄️ Multicultural resources
- ❄️ Book lists & read alouds
- ❄️ Executive functioning tips
- ❄️ Printable activities
- ❄️ Art supplies & craft kits
- ❄️ Social-Emotional supports
- ❄️ Story read aloud links
- ❄️ Engaging activities
- ❄️ Family Night suggestions

JOKE

OF

THE

MONTH





What is Frosty's dad called?
Pop-sicle!

LILTIGERS.NET

BOARD GAMES • ART SUPPLIES • CRAFT KITS • TOYS • PLUSHIES • STEM SETS

Learning Made Fun with Maestra Casiano



Learning Hub & Online Store

www.LearningMadeFunWithMaestraCasiano.com

COSTUMES • NOVELTY APPAREL • BOOKS • PUZZLES • COLLECTIBLES • JOURNALS

STUFFED ANIMALS • PRETEND PLAY PROPS

TIP #20 Lessons from Forky: Encourage Imaginative Play

Imaginative play is important & powerful for child development. Imaginative play allows children to explore & use things in ways that are meaningful. When starting imaginative play scenarios, keep it simple at the beginning. Introduce a few props or items. Let your child explore them. Give them a plastic spork, an empty box, an old balled up sock. What do they do with these things? What might they do with them? Are there others way to interact with or use the items? Let children explore. Encourage them to manipulate items & find different uses for them.



In *Toy Story 4*, what others saw as a simple, plastic spork, Bonnie saw as something else – a new friend called Forky! It may look like a spork but maybe it could be a paddle used on a canoe to explore the wilderness? Maybe it is the neck & head of a prehistoric dinosaur? What about the box? Could it become a boat on the treacherous seas? Could it become a castle for a princess? Supervise the interactions but do not judge. As long as the child is not interacting in a way that can cause harm to the child or others, let the child engage with items in different ways.



Imaginative play can be a great way for kids to practice & develop social skills but it is also powerful for self-realization. Initially, pretend play exploration should be introduced to a child to engage by his or herself. The child can explore re- sources at his or her own pace. The child can choose what to interact with & how to interact with it. Once the child begins to develop confidence & awareness, you can start allowing children to play side by side & eventually cooperatively. This will allow children to have autonomy but also provide an environment for easy progression into interacting with others & sharing ideas. Cooperative play is a progression (not a starting point).



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 SNOWPERSON STICKER STORY

Complete this fun family activity together! Then, take a picture of your creation & the fun you have doing it together!

Share your experience by posting on the Learning Made Fun Home Page for a chance to win a special prize



Learning Made Fun with Maestra Casiano 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, STEM experiments, printables, apparel, plush toys, selfcare tools, craft kits, collectibles, novelty **gifts**, outdoor games, blankets, books, study tools, & so much more!