

# Relationships that Nurture

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## Building Curiosity in Your Child

Audio can be heard here: [Building Curiosity](#)

One of the indicators of school readiness in a young child is demonstrating a sense of curiosity. Here are some ways you can develop a child's desire to learn more:

### I. Spend time with your child

The time parents put in at home with age-appropriate activities, will directly impact the child at school.

- Slow down and take things in
- Really listen to your child's thoughts and ideas
- Help your child feel good about what he or she knows
- Make learning fun; don't force it

### II. Learn together

If your child has a question, take the time to learn more. As a result, they will know how to learn and also how much there is to learn.

### III. Observe together

- Point out simple phrases, read signs & find shapes
- Ask your child questions: Is that short or tall? What color is it? What do you think will happen next?
- Use your five senses: What does it touch, taste, sound, smell and look like?

### IV. Focus on your child's interests

If your child is interested in planets, go to the library and find books on the solar system. Take your child to the planetarium. Create a diorama in his or her bedroom.

### V. Allow your child to problem solve

Encourage them to try things on their own. Don't do everything for them.

### VI. Encourage your child to explore

- Have materials readily available so he or she can self-direct their play
- Let him or her get messy
- Go outside

### VII. Immerse your child in active environments

Take him or her to interesting places like the zoo or a museum.

### VIII. Do science experiments

- Bake a cake: Measure the ingredients & watch what happens to the batter.
- Talk about properties: What happens to water when it's cold and when it's hot?
- Make predictions: Will the object sink or float?