

Dear Families,

As a part of me getting to know your child I would like for you to take about ten minutes and log on to one of the two sites I have provided below, and take a short quiz to find out the learning style of your child. Finding out what style of learning your child prefers will allow me to learn the best way to teach to your child's full potential. In doing this you will be paving the way for a smooth year and a frustration free learning experience for your child.

There are seven different learning styles: visual, aural, verbal, physical, logical, social and solitary. Every learning style is different just as every child is different. Their styles do not make them any better or different than any other student. It is just a way to determine the best way for me as a teacher to approach them with new material.

Visual (spatial): They prefer using pictures, images, and spatial understanding. When having one on one time with your child I might use more picture, diagrams, charts and maps to explain what we are working on. This will help them to recall the information by being able to envision the images in their head. It will be important to encourage your child to notice things outside as you're driving in the car.

•Aural (auditory-musical): They prefer using sound and music. Music time is crucial for your child if this is their learning style. I will be using many songs, instruments and rhythms to teach different concepts these will be important to practice at home with your child.

•Verbal (linguistic): They prefer using words, both in speech and writing. Our journal time will be very important to your child if they are strong in this area. They will be able to draw what they are thinking then tell me about it and I will record it on their paper so they are able to see what it looks like. When having one on one time with your child I will have them do most of the talking and let them tell me about what we are working on. If they can explain it and make a conversation about it they will retain the information best. It is very important to have conversations at home with your child and encourage them to tell you about their day.

•Physical (kinesthetic): They prefer using your body, hands and sense of touch. Gym time an free play is more than likely your child's favorite time of the day. Letting them use their hands, feet, arms and legs to learn concepts is most beneficial to them. The sensory table is a great place for

them during free play. Things that may be beneficial to do at home are walks, puzzles, blocks and drama play.

- Logical (mathematical): They prefer using logic, reasoning and systems. Math and science lessons come easily to your child if this is their preferred learning style. They do well with patterns, puzzles and word analogies. Understanding consequences is also something that they do well with. Calendar time is something that I will try to gage toward your child; it is also something you can do with them at home!

- Social (interpersonal): They prefer to learn in groups or with other people. Free play with other children and outside time is important to your child. They are able to learn things best when working with other kids. I will do group work and team projects in class that will be sure to interest your child. Your play time with them is crucial!

- Solitary (intrapersonal): They prefer to work alone and use self-study. If your child is strong in this area they benefit when we are working individually and quietly. When working in large groups your child will be given the option to work on their own. They will still be encouraged to participate in group games. Sometimes your child may just need some “me” time, remember to give them that option!

As your child’s teacher I want the best for every one of my students. I know that you as parents want the best for your children. If you could please do the inventory, print of your results and turn them into me we can be on our way to a great successful year! The links are listed below. You may do one or both.

[http://www.babyzone.com/kids/child-development/child-learning-style\\_84494](http://www.babyzone.com/kids/child-development/child-learning-style_84494)

<http://www.homeschoolviews.com/quiz/quiz-child.html>

God’s Blessings,

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