THE BEAR CREEK SCHOOL

The Way Kids Learn

A Little About me

- Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction
- 20 Years in Administration
- 4 Children
- Favorite Topics: Theology, Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Personality Inventories

Whole People

- Head
- Heart
- Body

Body

- Time
- Place
- Posture

Heart

- Positive feelings about school and learning
- Safe environment with trusted adults
- Being cared for and known

“The best educators know that for students to achieve meaningful, lasting success in the classroom and beyond, they must be emotionally engaged in the educational experience. This means educators must focus on students’ hope, engagement, and wellbeing.” Gallup Organization

Growth Mindset

- Associate Learning and Work
- Give them things they can control:
  - Effort
  - Attitude
  - Character

What are the learning styles?

"As we start a new school year, Mr. Smith,
I just want you to know that I'm an Abstract-
Sequential learner and trust that
you'll conduct yourself accordingly!"
Browning

Learning Styles

- We all learn through each mode
- Pathways are strengthened with repetition
- Learning styles to consider:
  - Visual
  - Auditory
  - Kinesthetic

Visual

- I remember things better if I write it down
- When I take a test, I can see the notes or textbook in my head
- I am good at puzzles
- When I am not sure how to spell a word:
  - I write it down and see if it looks right
  - I say the letters out loud

Auditory

- If I explain it to someone else I remember it better
- If I have to learn something new or difficult, I learn it best if someone tells me how to do it
- I would rather listen and learn something new than read and learn something new
- Sound bothers me when I study

Kinesthetic

- I study best if I take regular breaks
- I enjoy sports and am good at several different types of sports
- If I put hand motions or actions to things, I remember them better
- If I had to remember a list of items I would prefer to move around and touch the items

Visual: Practical Application

- Use Color
- Pay attention to the pictures
- Use drawing and diagrams
- Write it out

Auditory: Practical Application

- Repeat what you heard
- Verbal quizzing is helpful
- Working with others

Kinesthetic: Practical Application

- Put Actions or hand motions to things
- Interact with concrete object
- Moving while learning can enhance
- Find ways for non-distracting movement

Brain Research

- Neuroscientist and professor of neuroanatomy at University of California Berkeley, Marian Diamond, reminds us *that the number of branches or dendrites that act as receptors in the brain can be increased. This is important because it is these connections that create learning and memory*

Brain Tips

- Our brains need to connect things with something we already know
- Our brains like things organized, categorized and in chunks
- If we can get our whole body engaged we remember and learn it better
- Repetition strengthens pathways (muscle)

Consider Personality

Easy Going…….Hard Working

Dislikes Change……..…Loves Variety

People Oriented……Task Oriented

Detailed……..….Big Picture

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- One of the most important things you can do is help your kids understand how they learn best

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