Teaching to the 8 Learning Styles

**THE VERBAL / LINGUISTIC**  
(Word Smart!)
- Variety of reading materials
- Write to demonstrate understanding
- Word puzzles
- Impromptu speeches and writing prompts
- Variety of writing projects
- Humor: tell/write/read jokes, riddles, etc.

**THE LOGICAL / MATHEMATICAL**  
(Number Smart!)
- Sort and classify words, parts of speeches
- Count words mastered, assign using numbers
- Break topics into logical units
- Try reading and solving story problems
- Try computer activities, interactive web sites

**THE INTERPERSONAL**  
(People Smart!)
- Debate (verbally or through journaling)
- Interview each other, assign interview homework
- Pose “Dear Abby” questions and write answers
- “Street smart”
- Periodically work with other learners

**THE MUSICAL / RHYTHMIC**  
(Music Smart!)
- Write, read words to songs
- Have background music
- Research, read, write about musicians
- Use “beats” to teach syllables, pronunciations

**THE BODY / KINESTHETIC**  
(Body Smart!)
- Perform reading and writing choices
- Sequencing, wall charts
- Board games, word bingo, etc.
- Chalkboard, dry erase board lessons
- Use manipulatives as much as possible

**THE VISUAL / SPATIAL**  
(Picture Smart!)
- Use maps, charts, diagrams often
- Write responses to videos, pictures
- Word and story mapping, webbing
- Make posters, cartoons, maps
- Try computer activities, research

**THE INTRAPERSONAL**  
(Self Smart!)
- Keep a “to do” list
- Allow time for independent work
- Journals! Poetry!
- Offer choices of assignments, reading
- Be aware of mood changes
- Create opportunities for expressing thoughts, feelings

**THE NATURALIST**  
(Nature Smart!)
- Observe, record observations
- Nature journals
- Sort and categorize nature words
- Work outdoors when feasible

Consider the Learner’s Preference!

*Many of these may appeal interchangeably to some learners*