

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 BODILY / 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 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 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 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 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 MUSICAL / RHYTHMIC

(Music Smart!)

- Write, read words to songs
- Have background music
- Research, read, write about musicians
- Use “beats” to teach syllables, pronunciations

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