

What Ignites True Learning?

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Our EMOTIONS are the gatekeeper to learning. All information enters your child's awareness through the senses, and their bodies are configured in such a way that the emotions have first access to the incoming information, even before it reaches the brain. In that split second, your child's emotions decide if they are interested or not. The brain hasn't even had a chance to consider the information rationally before it has been accepted or rejected by the emotions.

The brain sorts through the onslaught of stimuli and organizes the similarities and differences, sounds, sights, information, and language. As it works on this automatic function, it is constantly searching for patterns, and grouping like information together. If information is presented in a pattern, it is easier for the brain to store and retrieve.

That is why you should start with the heart. Light it up! Create the inviting setting that stirs your student's imagination and ignites meaning. Inspire, invite, and romance them! Now they are ready to learn.

EPIC Adventures are structured differently than traditional curriculum. They are designed to IGNITE TRUE LEARNING!

Each EPIC Adventure is designed around a year-long theme, or pattern, designed to stimulate your child's emotions, then pull them into a year-long adventure of fun, of inquiry, of passionate learning!

So, what does EPIC stand for?

E stands for EXPOSURE. Awareness and interest come from exposure.

P stands for PATTERNS. Your child's brain makes meaning of information by sorting experiences into patterns.

I stands for INQUIRY. Your child must do something with the information or he hasn't really learned it. Inquiries give your child the opportunity to experiment with this information.

C stands for CONTRIBUTION. Now that your child has experimented with new information she is ready to make a contribution in her family, with her friends, or for her community.

"Emotions drive attention and attention drives learning, memory, problem solving, and just about everything else."

- Dr. Robert Sylwester