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Welcome to our world

From the Editor's Desk

Dear parents,

As we approach the last month of the calendar year, I would like to say thank you to the TLC community for an excellent year. We are happy to see the number of COVID cases in Bangalore, come down and feel very optimistic for the next academic year. We have had many humbling experiences and new learnings over the past few months. We look forward to the rest of the academic year, to learning new skills and stretching our cognitive abilities.



We are committed to encouraging TLC students to become lifelong learners. The Proactivity Boxes we offered had outstanding materials that helped with experiential learning. We all know that we have to take lesson plans beyond defining key terms, memorising facts and reiterating information that was read in a textbook. Instead, we have to support our students in forming personal connections to the material that they are learning. One of the best ways to do this is through experiential learning.

The last day of school is 13th December. It's been a long, busy and rewarding time, so please congratulate all your beautiful children on their achievements – they worked so hard. All of them deserve a happy, playful and restful break, and that extends to you, their parents too! The first day of E-Learning following the holiday is Friday, 4th January 2021. After the break, we will get back to work with exciting UOI's. SLAM month (Science, Language, Art and Math), and some revision. This fits in nicely with our value of giving our children a strong academic foundation.

Kind regards,

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Fun Corner



Find The Correct Shadow



What is Experiential Learning?

By Usha Lamba



As the frequently-quoted saying goes, "I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand." Experiential learning allows students to shift their mindset when it comes to their academic progress. They discover that the point of going to school and being part of a classroom is not to memorize facts and figures. They realize that the purpose of their educational journey is to continuously grow, develop and make connections to the world around them. Experiential learning not only focuses on acquiring knowledge, but it also prioritizes character development, problem-solving and deeper levels of understanding.

At TLC Montessori Preschool, experiential and inquiry-based learning are at the center of our curriculum. The Montessori Method of education is experiential learning and allows the student to remain at the center of the learning process. We have seen the numerous benefits that students enjoy when they receive an education that is rooted in inquiry and first-hand experience.

Experiential learning is a form of learning that allows the student to connect with the material on a personal level and experience it for themselves. Teachers who practice experiential learning know that this educational model requires students to be curious and self-motivated, and also requires students to perform regular self-assessments. Hands-on learning is the anchor of this type of educational model, and most lessons will involve some type of skills-based learning or hands-on activity.





The Four Stages of Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle

Psychologist David Kolb extensively studied experiential learning and discovered that there is a consistent cycle that most students follow. These are the four stages of Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle:

Concrete Experience — This is the first stage of the cycle, in which the student actively participates in the learning experience, which may include a hands-on activity or a field trip.

Reflective Observation — During this stage, the student is encouraged to look back on the learning experience that they enjoyed.

Abstract Conceptualization — The third stage requires students to take their activity one step further, and develop a theory or conceptualize a model based on what they experienced.

Active Experimentation — The final stage requires students to test the theory or model that they created.

Hands-on learning encourages students to experiment, make plenty of mistakes and learn from them. Children discover that by testing their own theories, they will make mistakes and subsequently revise their theories to accommodate what they have learned. Experiential learning requires students to collaborate and discuss their findings, and these are critical skills that they will need as they grow older.

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