“CHERISHED MOMENTS”

The “Cherished Moments” column is written by Cathy L. Graham, County Extension Director with the Scotland County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension. The following column will provide information to improve relationships between adults and children. “Cherished Moments” is dedicated to the many adults (parents, teachers, caregivers, volunteers, educators) who strive to grow and to the children who will surely benefit.

“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”
--- Clay P. Bedford

**Three Learning Styles**

How does your child learn best? By seeing, hearing or touching? Use these tips to help discover your child’s “learning style,” and try activities that are especially suited to him/her.

**Visual.** If she notices tiny details in pictures and remembers faces more easily than names, she may be a visual learner. Show her a book of hidden pictures, such as I Spy School Days by Jean Marzollo. Help your child read the riddles that tell her what to search for. Can she spot the objects and write them down? She’ll build vocabulary as she learns the names of.

**Auditory.** If your youngster has a knack for memorizing song lyrics and following spoken instructions, she might be an auditory learner. Have her write down words to songs as you sing them (“Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” “Happy Birthday to You”). Help her spell tough words. When she finishes, sing the song together while she points to the words.

**Hands-on.** Perhaps your child enjoys moving around while she works or is good at making things with clay. These are clues that she is a hands-on, or kinesthetic, learner. Give her things she can touch, such as alphabet tiles, letter dice, or magnetic letters, and have her make words from her weekly spelling list. Then, she can read them to you.

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FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

- Make a play store with empty food boxes
- Schedule a time for storytelling
- Write to a pen pal
- Visit your local Humane Society

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