

LEARNING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

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There's no way to overestimate the importance of learning from the people around us. When we're open to learning from others, we benefit from their experiences as well as our own as we inherit their wisdom and knowledge.

The learning styles of students vary. Again, individual differences are true. What is a learning style by the way? It is the way in which learners begin to concentrate on the process and retain new and difficult information. How to teach students how to learn, is the question for a creative teacher to answer.

There are three kinds of learning styles; (1) work better alone, (2) socializers- who perform best in the company of other people, and (3) responding to authority.

For those who work better alone, perhaps the learner is easily distracted or shy. In the long run, the student should learn how to work with classmates. The reverse is true for the socializers who perform best in the company of others. For those who respond to authority, they respond best to adults who do not come on too strong and do not lean on them too much.

Because students have their own preferences, their needs must be recognized and treated. With patience and understanding, teachers and parents must teach their students to respect one another's learning styles. If these learning styles were addressed properly, then and only then can true learning take place.

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