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Parents engaging in the learning of our children?

This may seem like a redundant question,

“Of course parents are engaged in their child’s learning!” ...and...

“Of course teachers are engaged in their student’s learning!”

But sometimes we are engaged in our own information giving; or our own preservation of tradition; or someone else’s idea of learning; or the prevention of certain learning...

I’d rather be engaged:

- in what my children ARE learning
- with HOW they EACH best learn
- as they learn to BE who they are, and well

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- by UNDERSTANDING what and how my learning has occurred
 - through recognising that which MOTIVATES or INHIBITS my learning
 - OBSERVING and TRAINING them as they DISCOVER and MANAGE their own motivators and inhibitors

I like to hear and understand stories, your stories – and like you, I like my story to be heard...not just allowed.

So, I thought I could share some parenting stories of my own to illustrate what I mean in the statements I’ve made about engaging with my children as they’re learning – which I hope will be life-long for them and me.

- ❖ Egg shells and thank you cards
- ❖ Plays, ejector seats and shuttles
- ❖ Spiders, headers and essays

