



Differentiated Learning:

Simply defined, "Differentiated Learning" means to adjust curriculum to meet a child's individual learning needs. This may be achieved by teaching to their dominant learning style or through multisensory activities, by providing reteaching and review, or challenging them with higher level thinking activities. At Rainbow, we like to call this "enrichment." This catalog offers a sampling of the varied products we offer to enrich learning.


Ways to enrich your child's education:

- **Additional Practice** using workbooks, drill books, or flash cards hones skills in specific areas.
- **Critical Thinking Resources** develop higher level thinking or provide deeper application of skills.
- **Alternative Instruction** allows a "redo" on concepts through a different perspective or explanation. It may include supplements that teach from a different approach, audio teaching, or other means.
- **Multi-Sensory Items** add practice or learning that engages several senses. They may also help a child with anxiety or focus issues stay on task.
- **Reference Resources** provide additional information or a "big picture" of topics.

Learning Styles:

Sometimes referred to as VAKT (Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic, Tactile) Learning, is the way a child processes and learns information the best. While teaching to their preferred style may become our default, it is helpful to teach using multisensory materials, which incorporate more than one learning style.






VISUAL LEARNERS...

- Prefer written instruction and/or visual materials.
- Excel by taking notes, marking & highlighting texts.

Note: A subcategory, Reading and Writing, retains info best by reading and writing information down.



Learn by seeing.




AUDITORY LEARNERS...

- Prefer to read aloud or listen to texts, songs.
- Excel by hearing instructions and talking through information.




Learn by hearing.




KINESTHETIC LEARNERS...

- Prefer to participate through active, whole-body movement.
- Excel by standing, walking, or moving during lessons




Learn with moving.



TACTILE LEARNERS...

- Prefer hands-on activities, writing/typing, building.
- Excel when learning through created or built projects.

Note: Some sources combine tactile and kinesthetic definitions.



Learn by touching.



Assessing: How I Can Enrich My Child's Education?

Student Name: _____ **Age/Grade Level:** _____ **Subject:** _____

Learning Preference (just as a general guideline): ___ Visual ___ Auditory ___ Kinesthetic ___ Tactile
Materials I'm currently using for this subject (include the main curriculum, any supplements or components):

Curriculum: _____

Additional Items: _____

How does my child learn best? Consider strengths/weaknesses and learning styles: _____

How does my child respond to our current curriculum? How do I respond to our current curriculum?

Likes:

Dislikes:

Are there certain specific topics or concepts my child doesn't understand or needs to strengthen?

What is missing from our curriculum that my child needs? _____

Could my child benefit from applying the skills learned in specific ways? _____

Is there a skill or interest my child would like to pursue? _____

Which resources are available to challenge my child in areas of interest? _____

Jot your considerations here:

- **Additional Practice:** _____
- **Critical Thinking Resource:** _____
- **Alternative Instruction:** _____
- **Reference Resource:** _____
- **Multi-Sensory Element:** _____