

Guidelines for developing creativity at home

- Provide a private place for creative work to be done
- Provide materials (e.g., musical instruments, sketchbooks)
- Encourage and display the child's creative work
- Do your own creative work, and let your child see you do it
- Set a creative tone
- Value the creative work of others
- Incorporate creativity values into your family mythology
- Avoid emphasizing sex-role stereotypes
- Provide private lessons and special classes
- When hardship comes to your life, use it positively to teach your child expression through metaphor
- Emphasize that talent is only a small part of creative production
- Allow the child to be "odd"
- Use humor

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