

Awaking Wonder

Imagination



READ:

Read books about new people and places. Stretch yourself to read a different kind of book than you would normally reach for--fiction or non fiction, adventure, fantasy, biography, or mystery. Try reading more poetry or read a play as a family with each member reading for a different character.

EXPLORE:

Tell your children that you are going on a family adventure. Choose an outdoor place to visit with lots of "scope for the imagination" as Anne of Green Gables would say. Once you explore the place together, ask them to tell you the things that come to mind visiting there. Play what if together--What if you were a famous explore here? What if a rabbit like Peter got into mischief?



CREATE:

Give your child time and permission to create. Let them make a sculpture using items from recycling. Look at a wordless book together and make up a story to go with it. Write a play based on your outdoor adventure and act it out. Compose a song to go along with an inspiring observation.

SHARE:



Part of the fun of creating is sharing favorite creations. If you have an artist, let your child create a gallery. Is your child a poet? Give them a place to recite their poem. Do you have a playwright? Let them gather friends and put on a play. These activities can take place at a park or a back yard. It doesn't have to be fancy. The point is to share the joy of imagination.