Choosing Curriculum to Fit Each Child – Learning Styles

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### Children’s Learning Styles

# Wiggly Willy

hands-on learners

needs to move around

short attention span

lives for the moment

not motivated by future goals

easily bored

## **Perfect Paula**

responsible child

follows rules

likes structure and organization

narrow comfort zone

wants directions

worries about doing things correctly

# Competent Carl

likes to be in control

tends to be logical and analytical

self-motivated

likes independent projects

weak on social skills

often prefers to work alone

# Sociable Sue

wants social interaction

big picture outlook rather than details

loves novelty

weak on perseverance

likes to share what she’s done-needs feedback

is motivated by what others think

### Preferred Methods

#### Wiggly Willy

Games and competition

Audio-visual aids

Short, dynamic presentation

Hands-on/physical involvement

Freedom to act

Independent work (with oversight!)

#### Perfect Paula

Workbooks

Structure

Routine

Repetition & memorization

Paper & pencil tasks

Drill & review

Time to prepare for discussions

#### Competent Carl

Student/teacher discussions

Problem solving brainstorming

Debate

Independent work

Long term projects

Efficiency

#### Sociable Sue

Group activities

Lectures with personal comments and illustrations

Enthusiastic presentation

Creative writing

Role playing

Arts and crafts

Independent work with oversight

### Does Not Like

Pencil & paper tasks

workbooks

complicated projects

imaginative writing

creative activities

changes from the routine

wasting time on previously mastered material

lots of written work

group discussions

being ignored

too much workbook activity rather than group

competition