Welcome to MIDAS@HOME Projects!

This guided enrichment activity is a fun way to learn new things.

We trust that this will be a wonderful experience for your child and the whole family. We will provide you with guidance and a wealth of resources and materials to make it enjoyable and worthwhile. There are many activities from which you may choose. Select only those that your child has time and interest in doing. The How To Get Started page briefly guides you through each activity. The Brainstorming Packet allows you and your child to brainstorm what you will do and how you will do it. Detailed Instructions provide more in-depth information.

The journey begins with the optional MIDAS® Profile and ends with post-reflections and discussions. You may choose to do as many activities as time allows. It is better to do one or two activities in-depth rather than many things in a rush. Sometimes a little means a lot. It is up to you! We suggest that you start with an activity that is most interesting to your child.

Keep in mind that while these activities are real learning and skill building experiences, the two most important ingredients are: keep a positive attitude and make it FUN! If it begins to feel like work drudgery, it is time to change it up and begin afresh with sometime new.

Remember happiness is found along the way, not just at the end of the road so enjoy the ride.

Cheers!  Branton Shearer. Ph.D.
Transforming everyday life into golden learning opportunities—that are fun!

Developing the Multiple Intelligences

“Strengths vs. Weaknesses”
Branton Shearer

RECOGNIZE

> Recognize your child's areas of strengths in both words and actions
> Identify special areas of strength (as well as limitation)
> Identify the importance of the child's strengths in careers, school and community
> Communicate strengths and difficulties with teachers
> Identify creative thinkers.....

APPRECIATE!

1. Call your child’s abilities part of his or her intelligence!
2. Focus on daily use of your child's unique thinking strengths.
3. Build self-confidence with real achievement.
4. Spark the passion and unlock future potential

VALUE!

> Challenge to maximize strengths
> Remember: Nobody's perfect
> Logic/Math ** Kinesthetic
> Spatial ** MI Projects **
> Linguistic
> How can a strength be of value to others?
> Translate between intelligences
> Maximize a sense of hope
> Musical
> Naturalist

ENGAGE! Support / Challenge

> Celebrate the use of strengths to make progress
> Connect with role models and peers in field
> Foster family support and communication and direction
> Find socially valuable connections between a strength and community values
Develop unique strengths that can be used to create valuable products, provide vital services and solve important problems that are meaningful to family, friends and community.