

Engaging Learners

"Here is a secret hidden in plain sight. good teaching cannot be reduced to technique; good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher."
Parker Palmer

Two of my Stances:

1. Trust in the capability of the learner.
2. Awe and wonder.

Favoured Tools for Engagement of Mariette J. Martineau

1. Engagement includes, looks like, ritual.
2. Engagement looks like connecting to the power of image. ([Vibrant Faith](#))
 - To compare and contrast
 - To provoke the imagination
 - To consolidate learning
 - Silence instead of words: gratitude circle
3. Engagement with a blank piece of paper. ([Reggio: 100 Languages](#))
4. Engagement by exploring properties of matter - Awe and Wonder: Faith and Science ([Novalis](#))
5. Engagement with the Gospel stories...
 - Tell the story from your heart...first hand experience...
 - Tell the story with a contemporary lens
 - Integrate a community response – the people said...wow"
 - Sound effects
 - Read the story without words – just share the images...
6. Engage with the right questions and share with learners the skills of questioning. ([Right Question Institute](#)) , and pre-imagining learner response.
7. Pre-imagine learner response.
8. Children's Literature ([Equity Curriculum](#))

What are your strengths? How might you channel them to respond in engaging with the learners? What do you need to learn? What do you need to try?