READY, SET, Child-led KINDERGARTEN! learning

What is Child-Led Learning?

Child-led learning is a wonderful way to honor your child's interests while steering them toward scientific discovery. Child-led learning is also great because it doesn't require you to be an expert. If your child is into trains, you can lead them through child-led discovery without having a single clue how trains work. One easy way to practice child-led learning is by keeping note of a child's "I wonder's" and then facilitating an investigation around it. For example, if a child asks "where do clouds come from?" that opens a whole world of educational opportunities for you, their caregiver. You can check out tons of books on clouds at the library, look for cloud experiments on Pinterest, do cloud-themed art projects, and even go swimming at Miracle to see the clouds above the pool! Not every moment in a child's life can be child-led, but exploring child-led learning can help the parts of your child's brain dedicated to science and discovery flourish. It's also empowering; by exploring their "I wonder," you're letting your child know that their thoughts are worthwhile, their questions are valid, and that with the help of their research assistant (you!), they can find the answer to anything.

