

## Marvelous Explorations through Science and Stories (MESS): The Importance of Science

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Ann Crowell: I would hope that children would learn the importance of observation. I think that they would need to realize that science is all around them and it doesn't have to be contained in a classroom, it does not have to be contained in a book. Just walking out of the door and staying in tune to what is going on around you is a methodology that I think would really benefit any child -- that they can create science anywhere.

In a kitchen -- they can create science in their bathtubs; they can create science in their backyards. So just that key tool of observation, I think, is critical to young children. And I also hope that just the hands-on experiences would take them to a level where they would want to learn the next step, just not be -- not settle with what is before them, but have higher-end thinking questions that they would propose to themselves.

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