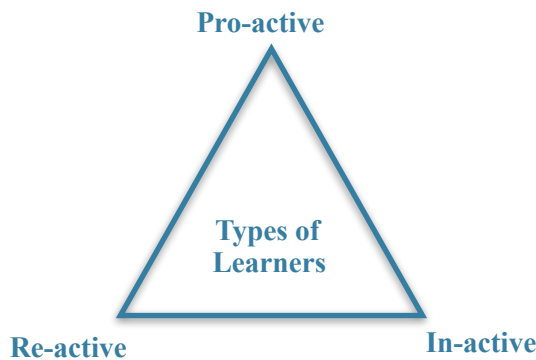


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Self-regulated Learning

When observing people during times of choice, a simple filter can help determine the type of learner. Are they pro-active, re-active, or in-active?



Being pro-active means someone is self-motivated while re-active means someone is responding to another's prompts (externally motivated).

Watch your children at home when they have choice time. Are they involved in hobbies, projects, art work, reading, outdoor play, or some other activity without your prompting? Or do they need a push?

Xishun is doing some woodworking at home by making a broadsword and creating stop-action movies. Corey is always reading and just finished *Les Miserables*. Lizzy teaches herself advanced origami and jewelry making. Joseph makes models and plays guitar.

Westward Movement

The younger children have been making covered wagons, reading about pioneers, and looking at historic photos.



*Most ancient of ratios: 3.1415...
diameters fit around a circle.*

Literature Circles

Three different literature groups are meeting. They are reading *Milkweed* about a boy in the Warsaw ghetto, *Devil's Arithmetic* about the concentration camps, and *Maniac Magee* about a segregated town. The content of the books and the discussions surrounding them are one way we integrate reading, speaking, civics, and character development.

THANKS, KIT!

We are so happy that you could join us while Jenna was on leave. Best of luck!



Travel is a great source of education. Charlie is taking part in an off-shore philosophy class considering "the turbid ebb and flow of human misery".

