

The Edison Project

Helping Kids with the Edison Trait

A child with the Edison Trait needs to feel he's in control. He will accept help only if it does not threaten his autonomy. He is prone to feeling crowded and seeing adults as overbearing.

The Edison-trait child is easily overwhelmed. For this reason, he needs:

1. Clear Direction, phrased in brief, concise messages.
2. He needs his workload assigned in manageable portions.
3. He needs structure, simple categories, and prominent visual cues.
4. He needs frequent breaks and relief from tension.
5. He responds best to a calm and steady voice, devoid of emotional charge.
6. The Edison-trait child thinks in images and stories.
7. He needs instruction that is attractive and captivating.
8. He responds to metaphors and identifies with characters he likes.
9. Creative approaches work best. Humor is a strong ally.

Your goal is to value your child's divergent thinking, while at the same time teaching and encouraging him to think convergently.

From the book:

The Edison Trait: Saving the Spirit of Your Free-Thinking Child in a Conforming World
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