



Skills To Live On The Moon

A few years ago, my grandparents moved from their farm to a care facility because of my grandmother's health concerns. It was at that time my Mom and Aunts, while cleaning out the house, found the story of my grandparent's lives written by my grandmother. She had written it out 3 times so that each of her sons could have a copy in her hand writing. This was a tremendous, invaluable blessing as my grandmother is in the last stage of Alzheimer's and my grandfather passed away in December. To have a record of their lives from their point of view is priceless.

In part of my grandmother's writing she describes different advancements to their lives. She wrote "When telephone and TV came to this country it felt like a dream." I read that line, among others, over and over having the realization of how different our world had become. That my grandparents had lived in a time where they could never even dream of the technological advancements we now have. How then would they know what skills their children would need in order to be successful in this world we live in today?

This knowledge is translated into practice at [ABC Head Start](#). We are preparing children to live in a world we will not see. So what skills, competences or attributes will they need? What are the transferable skills that children will be able to use across many environments? It's like if we were sending our children to live on another planet, we wouldn't necessarily know what it's like to live on that planet, so what would they need to be able to be contributing members of society?

Well I would think they would need to be able to get along and relate to others. To be compassionate, empathetic and caring. They would also need to be able to be independent and confident. They would love to learn and be excited about learning. And the list could go on and on...but if you noticed not once did I mention they would know the difference between a rectangle and a square. Although that may be valuable the wonderful thing about our brains is once all of these other things are in place we are self motivated to learn those cognitive concepts, and can do so throughout our entire lives. Like the mission of ABC Head Start, that's how we create children and families who are successful in learning and life.

Next week is Spring Break at ABC Head Start, therefore there will be no blog post. It will give you time to re-read all the ones I have written before. Welcome, Spring!