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As a child, my parents instilled in me the value of a good education. Within the education framework, my parents pushed the importance of critical thinking skills in the areas of mathematics, science, and music. My parents believe the link between numeracy and literacy is critical thinking and science is the vehicle that drives the three areas. My father instilled in me at a very young age to be creative with my thinking. I remember my father and I spending hours designing and building structures out of Lego, building blocks, or any materials we can find around the house. It is during those times where my father challenged me to come up with solutions to problems that we occurred during our build. What happened to this framework? As teachers, have we forgotten the importance of play? Are we so caught up with literacy and numeracy strategies that we have forgotten to add the fun in learning? Is creativity being lost in science and technology?

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