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Men of lofty genius when they are doing the least work are the most active.

- Leonardo da Vinci

We measure the things we can. As a result we focus on our children's math and science scores, but since we can't measure creativity, it doesn't get much attention.

Interestingly, a whopping 100% of Fortune 500 CEOs that were surveyed mentioned creativity as one of the primary characteristics they looked for in senior managers, while 60% of those ranked creativity higher than intelligence.

Creativity requires downtime; something today's overscheduled children don't get that much of these days.

Think of yourself; everyone needs downtime to think, dream and play.

Thomas Edison with his amazing work ethic stopped every day and fished on the dock for one hour. This really surprised people especially since he never caught any fish. One day, someone on his staff said, "Mr. Edison, you fish every day and never catch a thing. Honestly, you not a very good fisherman." "Nonsense," said Edison, "I don't use any bait." "You don't use any bait? How do you expect to catch any fish?" Edison replied, "I don't want to catch any fish. I fish so people don't bother me, you don't think I want the fish to bother me, do you?"

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