

Strategies to Building a Creative Classroom



- Allow students time to play with ideas.
- Encourage students to ask questions, make connections, and visualize what might be possible.
- Value, promote, and reward imagination and originality.
- Incorporate authentic experiences with problems that encourage multiple solutions.
- Remind students that there is never only one right answer to real-world problems.
- Create an air of openness to finding new problems; new solutions and varied perspectives are expected.
- Promote an environment of fun and adventurous exploration of ideas.
- Expect that students will discuss, debate, and struggle with problems and solutions.
- Support the diverse and different qualities each student brings to the classroom.
- Construct the classroom so students feel relaxed, supported, and “at home.”
- Require that all students value and honor each other’s thinking and ideas.
- Encourage intellectual risk taking.
- Assist and support students in taking responsibility for learning.

Most importantly:

**The teacher must model creative thinking, behaviors,
and attitudes!**