



Creativity as Part of Learning

We exist on a planet that is ingenious; we live in a moment where modernism is the key word; inventions by human have reached every sphere of life. We cannot contradict the fact that much of the teaching that has been imparted till now has been memory-based. But proper learning should engross memory-based learning that triggers the cultivation of use of analytics, proper evaluation of skills and above all, the presence of creativity, the urge to create something new that would bring about an evolution! We have to stop and think- can we really teach our kids how to be creative within the boundaries of a classroom or is it something that is inborn? Creativity is definitely different to different people and for some, inventing new ways to do the same things might be creative; while for others, discovering new things is all about creativity. But whatever is the concept, motivation should be given to children to be more inventive in education. Creativity and innovation is the essence of teaching and learning including in the social sciences discipline. Creativity and innovation bring about interest and motivation to learners .If you expect your students to learn and display good social skills, then you need to lead by example. A teacher's welcoming and positive attitude sets the tone of behavior between the students. They learn how to interact with one another and value individuals. Assigning classroom jobs to students provides opportunities to demonstrate responsibility, teamwork and leadership. Jobs such as handing out papers, taking attendance, and being a line-leader can highlight a student's strengths and in turn, build confidence. In addition to the academic benefits, large and small group activities can give students an opportunity to develop social skills such as teamwork, goal-setting and responsibility. Sometimes these groups are self-determined and sometimes they are pre-arranged. Used selectively, group work can also help quieter students connect with others, appeals to extroverts, and reinforces respectful behavior. Class Meetings are a wonderful way to teach students how to be diplomatic, show leadership, solve problems and take responsibility. They are usually held weekly and are a time for students to discuss current classroom events and issues. Successful and productive meetings involve discussions centered on classroom concerns and not individual problems. In addition, it reinforces the value that each person brings to the class. Before a class meeting, teachers can provide the students with group guidelines for behavior, prompts, and sentence frames to facilitate meaningful conversation. Embrace creativity as part of learning. Use the most effective strategies. As a teacher, you can do lot to cultivate creativity among your students and let them utilize their brain. Share with your class the attributes of being a creative person through the lives of great names in the creative field; sharing their life stories including how they used to generate ideas or how they dealt with all kind of reactions from everyone around will surely motivate them. Discussions on how important it is for everyone to be curious to learn new things and also how to deal with failure should also be included. For all these discussions and other motivational activities, being the teacher, you must develop a creativity friendly classroom where great ideas and views can share freely. Develop a classroom where the flow of invention is not disrupted by the regular class routines, textbooks and assignments. A proper creativity driven classroom is characterized by



encouragement to question-answer sessions, assessment of performance and feedback, a class that promotes cooperation with others when it comes to sharing ideas as well as the rightful independence needed to let creativity flourish. In short, create a place where all these activities flourish and not discouraged. A good classroom environment always has some elements of creativity which makes the lessons more interesting and interactive. The right mix of creativity along with curriculum helps students to be innovative and also encourages them to learn new things. Students can grow up as good communicators in addition to improving their emotional and social skills. Creative classrooms can really transform the way students acquire education and how they apply it in their real life. In fact, creative expression plays a key role in a student's emotional development.

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