

Creative Ideas

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“Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way.” —Edward de Bono

Creativity is innovation.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results. If something isn't working, then it's broken and needs to be fixed. Come up with something else that will work for your students.

Creativity is thinking outside the box.

Everything doesn't always have to be black and white. Sometimes the oddball activities are the ones that work.

Creativity is improvisation.

Things don't always turn out the way you planned. When I've realized that a lesson wasn't working midway through, I literally tossed it out and started over. I tried a different angle (in this case, incorporating a movie that my students liked), and it worked.

Creativity is professional growth.

We don't always have all of the answers. If you can't figure out what to do, use other teachers as resources. You might find some really great ideas that make sense for your students. Use resources like [KS2](#), hubbardscupboard.org, and starfall.com for some fun engaging activities.

Creativity is being a risk taker or mold breaker.

I have had many crazy ideas for things to try in the classroom. Some have worked and some haven't, but I found that trying was better than being stuck in the same pattern that isn't working.

Creativity is passion.

Be passionate about what you are doing. You are there to inspire students to become lifelong learners. If you want them to love learning, you have to love what you are teaching.

Suggested Ideas

Use different voices or accents when reading stories to the class.

Dress in costumes of storybook characters to leave a lasting impression, or let students dress up as characters to retell stories.

Turn your room into the environment of what you are learning about. When the class is learning about a specific topic, turn your classroom into a place. When you're learning about animals, turn your classroom into a jungle.

Create class songs about topics they need to know, or use the music of singers like [Hap Palmer](#) and [Jack Hartman](#). You might also borrow songs and games from coworkers. Songs are catchy, and children learn quickly from them.