

Creativity Pedagogy

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Possessing the skills required to be a creative person is going to be key for the next generation to succeed. Allowing the creative process to flow, opens the possibilities for new and inventive solutions to be created for current world issues. Bringing those current issues into the classroom and incorporating them into lesson plans gives students an opportunity to be creative problem solvers. By encouraging students to use their creativity inside and outside of the art classroom, they will be encouraged to expand their thinking and sharing. Creativity, not only in the arts, allows for development inside and outside of school that can lead to innovative practices.

With all the current world issues we face in this highly charged environment, there seems to be plenty of problems and not enough solutions and this is where creativity steps in. Without creative ingenuity there wouldn't have been the creation of cell phones to help us connect with one another, or the creation of wind turbines to help combat the energy crisis. These feats of creative problem solving would have been unimaginable even just a few decades ago but now we can hardly imagine life without them. I want my students to feel confident in presenting their abstract solutions to open up a world of possibilities for future change.

In my classroom, I encourage students to put the concept of the art before the aesthetics. I want students to create meaningful works of art that express their ideas, thoughts, and desires. This can be expressed visually or metaphorically so long as students are able to justify their choices. Creativity is so much more than creating pretty pictures in my classroom; it's about

allowing students to express their feelings or ideas and having critiques to expand their knowledge on the skills, techniques, and processes they have learned.

What success looks like in my classroom is creative concept building shown in a visual medium. By allowing my students to think creatively and be open to critique, they will have the opportunity to explore contemporary issues in my class and take their observations with them outside of the art room. They will not only be able to successfully create art but also create new and innovative plans that will change the future.