

The Two Sides of Nurturing Innovation in the Classroom

ENCOURAGE GROUP COLLABORATION

Innovation can thrive when students work together to build on each other's ideas and brainstorm new solutions.

but also

ALLOW TIME FOR INDIVIDUAL FOCUS

Sometimes, students need time alone to concentrate in order to refine and elaborate on an innovative idea.

VALUE STUDENTS' ORIGINAL IDEAS

Giving students opportunities to share their unique ideas validates their thinking and encourages them to continue creating.

but also

SHARE EXPERTS' CREATIVE THINKING

Learning about the creative work of others can lead students in directions they otherwise may not have explored.

MOTIVATE THROUGH RECOGNITION

By celebrating their successful solutions and engaging creations, we can inspire students to experiment further.

but also

CELEBRATE FAILURES AND MISTAKES

Acknowledging the beneficial learning that happens when ideas don't work out encourages students to keep trying.

MAKE IT REAL

If students are challenged to address the real problems they see in everyday life, they will be invested in finding innovative solutions.

but also

LET IMAGINATION SOAR

Children have amazing imaginations with few limitations and giving them space to dream can lead to amazing ideas and inventions.

EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Innovation is often linked to technology and students can benefit from using technological tools to explore their innovative ideas.

but also

CONNECT WITH NATURE

Time spent outdoors and away from screens is needed to refresh students' sense of well-being and encourage imaginative rather than structured play.

PERSONALIZE LEARNING

Customizing learning for each student's strengths, needs, and interests establishes a learning environment that supports their best thinking.

but also

TRY OUT VARIOUS APPROACHES

Opportunities to experiment outside their comfort zone may prompt students to explore new avenues of thought that can lead to innovation.

