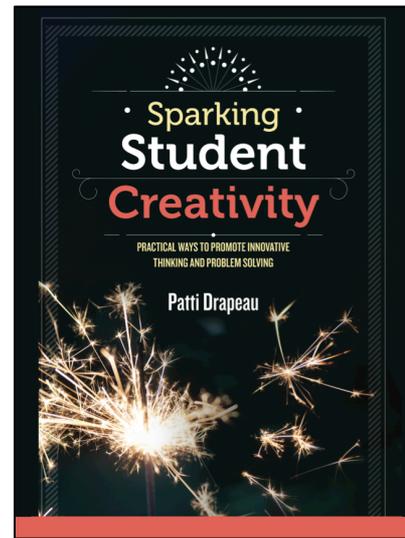


Sparking Student Creativity: Practical Ways to Promote Innovative Thinking and Problem Solving

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Summary:

Teaching isn't merely transmitting knowledge to students; it's also about teaching students to approach learning in engaging and expected ways.

In *Sparking Student Creativity: Practical Ways to Promote Innovative Thinking and Problem Solving*, author and researcher Patti Drapeau explores and explains research related to creativity and its relevance on today's standards-based, critical thinking-focused classroom. The book vividly and comprehensively shows

- How creative lessons can meet and extend the expectations of curriculum standards such as the Common Core State Standards,
- How to incorporate creativity and assessment into daily classroom practices,
- How to develop a "Creativity Road Map" to guide instruction, and
- How to design lessons that prompt and support creative thinking.

In addition, this book includes 40 "grab and go" ideas that infuse lessons plans with a spirit of exploration. No matter what year levels or content areas you teach, *Sparking Student Creativity* will help you to produce creative lessons components that directly address critical content, target specific standards and require thoughtful products from students as they grow into independent learners and become successful adults.

Sparking Student Creativity is the ideal resource for any teacher looking to encourage innovative thinking and problem solving in their classroom. The concepts in this book can be applied to any curriculum at the school, state or national level.

Supporting Resources:

- *Teaching for Wisdom, Intelligence, Creativity and Success* (CO1113)
- *World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students* (CO6208)
- *Assignments Matter: Making the Connections That Help Students Meet Standards* (112048)