



A PK-6 Lesson on Expressing Ideas, Solving Problems, and Seeing Possibilities



Introduction for the Facilitator

This lesson introduces students to the professional skill of **creativity**, which allows them to generate ideas, imagine new solutions, and express themselves in unique ways. Creativity isn't just about art—it shows up in writing, conversation, problem-solving, building, designing, and everyday decision-making.

For PK-6 students, creativity means being curious, flexible, and brave enough to try something new. It means exploring ideas without fear of being wrong and **building confidence in their own original thinking**.

As students nurture their creative ability to think differently, offer fresh ideas, and see problems from a new angle, they strengthen their **personal competitive advantage**. This also helps shape the **lifestyle** they want to build, whether that's adventurous, artistic, inventive, or just full of expression and joy.

This lesson includes:

- **A Social Story that celebrates creativity**
- **8 Group Discussion Questions with follow-ups**
- **8 Journal Prompts (draw or write)**
- **10 engaging creativity-building classroom Activities**
- **A printable Worksheet to help students reflect on and use their creativity**

Let's help students believe that their ideas matter—and that the world needs the magic only they can create.



Social Story: **Sakura's Sideways Thinking**

Sakura loved making things. She doodled on every notebook page and built towers out of erasers. But sometimes, she worried her ideas were too “weird.”

One day, her class was asked to build a bridge out of straws and tape. Most groups built straight ones, but Sakura had another idea. “What if it curves like a rainbow?” she asked.



Her team wasn't sure. But she sketched it, explained her idea, and helped make it strong.

When they tested it, the curved bridge held more weight than anyone expected. The whole class clapped.

Later, her teacher Mr. Reed said, “That's the power of creative thinking: looking at something sideways and seeing new possibilities.”

Sakura smiled. She realized creativity wasn't just about art—it was about **finding new ways to think, solve, and share.**

From that day on, she stopped hiding her ideas. Creativity became part of her **personal competitive advantage** and it helped her live the kind of **lifestyle** she imagined: colorful, bold, and always open to new ideas.



Group Discussion Questions

1. What does creativity mean to you?

Follow-up: Can someone be creative even if they don't draw or paint?

2. Where do creative ideas come from?

Follow-up: What helps you come up with new ideas?

3. What does it feel like when you share a creative idea and someone likes it?

Follow-up: What about when someone doesn't understand it yet?

4. Why is it important to try new ideas, even if they don't work the first time?

Follow-up: What helps you keep going when something feels hard?

5. What are some problems creativity can help solve?

Follow-up: How is creative thinking useful in school or at home?

6. How can working with others help your creativity grow?

Follow-up: What's something you've learned from someone else's creativity?

7. How does creativity help grow your personal competitive advantage?

Follow-up: What makes your creativity special?

8. What kind of lifestyle do you want to live?

Follow-up: How can creativity help shape that life?



Journal Prompts

(Students can write or draw their answers based on age and ability.)

1. **Draw or write about one of your most creative ideas. What inspired it?**
2. **What do you do when an idea doesn't work the first time?**
3. **What are some things that make you feel more creative?**
4. **Describe a time you used creativity to solve a problem.**
5. **If creativity were your superpower, what would your superhero name be? How would you save the world?**
6. **Whom do you know who is creative? What do you admire about their ideas?**
7. **How do you express yourself in a unique way?**
8. **How does creativity help grow your personal competitive advantage?**



Activities

1. **Build It Backwards**
Give students a finished picture or object and ask them to figure out how it was made, then try to recreate it.
2. **One Object, Many Uses**
Show an everyday object (like a paperclip or sock). Students brainstorm as many new uses as they can.
3. **Story Stretchers**
Start a sentence ("One day a pencil turned into...") and pass the paper as each student adds a line.
4. **Design a Tool for a Problem**
Present a silly or real-life challenge (e.g., carrying five pencils at once). Students invent a solution and draw or describe it.
5. **Mystery Bag Creation**
Students pull random supplies from a bag and must create something using only what they receive.
6. **Alternative Ending Rewrite**
Choose a class story and have students write or draw a new ending based on a twist or what-if.
7. **Curiosity Board**
Students write or draw questions or wonders they have about anything. Celebrate curious thinking as a part of creativity.
8. **Creative Compliment Posters**
Students make posters that give others compliments based on their unique ideas and creativity.
9. **Invent a Game**
In pairs or teams, students create a brand-new game, write the rules, and teach it to others.
10. **Color Outside the Lines Time**
Give students creative freedom to express anything they want through drawing, building, writing, or performing.



My Creativity Sparks

Name: _____

Helpful Words:

- **Creativity** = thinking of new ideas and trying new ways to solve, express, or build
- **Lifestyle Goal** = the kind of life I want to live
- **Personal Competitive Advantage** = my special strengths and habits that help me grow

Directions:

Write or draw your answers.

Your creativity makes you shine!

Use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

1. One of my best ideas was:

2. Something I created that I felt proud of was:

3. I feel most creative when I am:

4. A time I solved a problem with creativity was:

5. My Creativity Superpower helps me do these things:

6. Creativity helps me grow my personal competitive advantage by:

7. This is how creativity helps me live the lifestyle I want: