How can we inspire more play in K20 education?

Brainstorming Rules:
1. Wild Ideas
2. Quantity over quality
3. Headlines (not the article!)
4. Defer Judgment

White boards all over the place with lots of different colored markers give students things to play with unconventional materials provide creative opportunities (like the kids who would rather play with the box than the toy) provide time to play with the things to play with

Asks the kids
bend the rules use as few rules as possible

Lots of manipulatives around all learning environments
Encourage students to bring their toys
think outside the box
provide STUFF
let them bring STUFF that helps them learn

ask them what they would love to learn
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Brain Breaks during class time.
Let them play on the laptosps.
Let them design a game with some simple everyday materials.
Have my 4th graders go teach a game to younger students.

Have them design games

a room set off just for playing and creation without directions

teach
Let

change the activities into game rules and competition

check out the Googledome design space as a model

teachers and students on same gaming teams

art suppplies
every two minutes stop and
multi-colored balls

create permanent “play space” in classroom
design games that support content area

rearrange the room

Treat school like a sandbox
Give choices, not directions
Not everything needs to be graded
Remember the block room from Kindergarten? Have a lego room, a place to play , a time to play
Give them uninterrupted time

throw grades out

ask them what they think is important to study/learn

comfortable room - all carpet

give them time to play
ee Free thoughts - “Experimentation and uses

free time for all interactive purposes.” Good places and items - “interactive pens’

allow them to make mistakes

all kinds of tools and computers with all kinds of programs, carpets,etc - different spaces with all kinds of furniture

School organizations need to incorporate it in their professional group life. We need to walk the walk. Faculty meetings need this! Agreed!!

Connect with classes in other schools