

The following is a list of ideas you could immediately use in your classroom that would help get the creative juices flowing:

- Ask your student what interest them (administer the interest inventories from Week 1).
- Give your gifted students choices; even if they are small, they will be appreciated. This gives the gifted student an opportunity for thoughtful decision-making and ownership of their own learning experience. For example, choosing to work with a partner or alone or choosing from several homework options to satisfy a specific learning gain.
- Play *What if...* with your students. *What if* is a game where the teacher poses open-ended questions to the students, who then brainstorm possible solutions, and then ponder new problems that may arise from the their solutions.
- Have students conduct interviews of significant individuals in their community. Create a display or PowerPoint presentation on creative individuals in the area. Share at a PTA meeting.
- Create a class website to inform students of opportunities for creative expression: local theater, musical performances, poetry readings, and community awareness events.
- Pair up your class with a business partner in your community to give students options for career paths and provide role models, mentors, guest speakers, resources, and materials.
- Role-play. Do oral presentations based on topics of interest allowing students to showcase their talents or creative abilities.
- Let students create activities based on a TV show, such as Jeopardy. This is a fun way to study facts for a given subject area test.
- Brainstorming is always a good strategy to use to begin a creative activity with your gifted students
- Guided imagination sessions set the stage, open up the mind, and get students ready to look at problems, issues and situations with an open mind