The benefits of curiosity are well-researched and far-reaching, affecting all aspects of our lives. We want to encourage our students to be lifelong learners. But, how can we do this? As teachers, we need to model the behavior of a curious mind and provide students with opportunities to question, wonder, and explore. Below I have listed easy ideas for encouraging students to engage in wondering. Page two contains a plethora of websites that stimulate curiosity, creativity, ingenuity, and wonder!

Top 3 Ways to Set the Atmosphere
1. Model curiosity in yourself: share your dilemmas, questions, passions, and wonders. Admit that you don't know all the answers and get excited about finding out.
2. Create anticipation and stimulate excitement about upcoming assignments, projects, and units by posing mysteries, unanswered questions and conflicts to set a purpose for learning.
3. Allow students to share their learning

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Websites for wondering

http://thekidshouldseethis.com/ : Smart videos for curious minds of all ages
www.wonderopolis.org - Wonder of the day http://www.explainthatstuff.com/
https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology - games and info on all branches of science
https://explore.org/livecams
http://bedtimemath.org/dailymathproblem/ - Although the math problems are fun, it is the accompanying information that is the most fun to explore.
http://www.wolframalpha.com/ - calculations on virtually everything you want to know about, or click on random or examples if you just want to explore
http://www.agoogleaday.com/#game=started - A Google a Day game
https://geoguessr.com Texas: Drops you somewhere and you have to figure out where based on clues
http://www.Mix.com: Personalized search engine based on interests
http://www.exploratorium.edu/ - Link to museum, but lots more, including apps for lots of topics
https://online.kidsdiscover.com/ - lots of science discovery including games and videos
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com - Lots of information about tons of topics and fun quizzes, games, and videos
http://www.arkive.org/ - videos, photos, and info about all aspects of animals
https://mysteryscience.com/r1 - Lots of science questions posed by students. Need to create a free account
http://www.Mix.com: Personalized search engine based on interests

Creating:
www.diy.org - Crafts and projects for kids. May have to sign up for account
http://www.instructables.com/ - Like DIY, but no signup necessary. Lots of projects and ideas
https://tinkerlab.com/ - Lots of fun activities designed for parents to do at home with kids.
https://noteflight.com/ - A website for creating and using music notation on any device.

More "mature" audiences:
http://www.howstuffworks.com/ - Can include adult topics http://brainpump.net/ - videos about everything
http://www.vsaucex.com/#/ - videos that feed the curious http://www.todayifoundout.com/ - Fascinating trivial info

Notes and other interesting ideas to remember: