

HOW CAN A PROGRAM
FOSTER STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT IN
LITERACY ACTIVITIES

The instructors at PDYC believe that:

- Creating a culture of achievement in their classroom
- Developing interactive and relevant lessons
- Being encouraging and supportive to students

Are all ways in which teachers can foster student
engagement in the classroom

Create an Emotionally Safe Classroom



All students need to feel like they are important. No student will be taunted for not understanding or getting a word incorrect when reading. The teacher, as well as their peers, are there to assist not degrade.

Developing Interactive and Relevant Lessons

- We know that students get tired of paper and pencil work.
- We try to make most of our lessons interactive.
- This allows the students to move their bodies as well as promote social skills.

Create a Culture of Explanation Instead of a Culture of the Right Answer

We teach our students that there is more than one way to arrive at the answer. The most important part is being able to explain the steps followed because this shows understanding.

This strategy challenges students to operate at a higher level of thinking than when they can share only the "correct" answer.