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# **# Activate Engagement**

Tips from Learning Sciences to  
Spark Deep Learning

**#4 Invite Whimsy**

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## TIP #4



# INVITE WHIMSY

### Example Assignment

Describe the different characteristics of the curve on a graph, moving from left to right.

### Activate Engagement by Inviting Whimsy

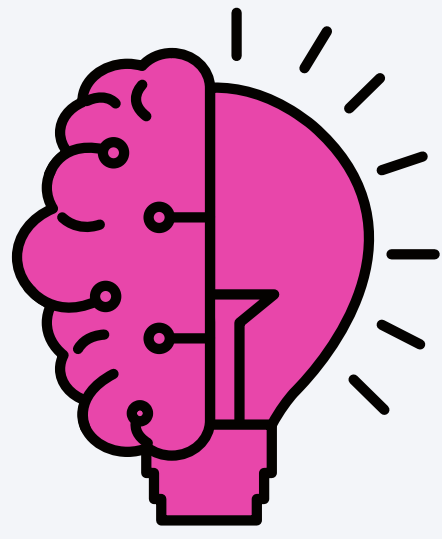
Students pretend they are opera singers. As you conduct

movement along the graph,

students sing their characteristic

as it's true. Positive! 🎵 Negative! 🎵

Concave up! 🎵 Concave down! 🎵



## THE SCIENCE

**Play activates  
norepinephrine in  
the brain, which  
rouses our  
attention and  
facilitates  
learning.**

# KNOWLEDGE + WHIMSY = IMPACT

Learning and emotions are intertwined, for good or for bad. Emotional learning is memorable learning. Inviting whimsy or play-based learning helps bring positive emotions and incentivizes us to want more.

When a teacher is playful or invites learners to bring whimsy, bonds among the group grow. Shared joyful memories can be recalled, which boosts learning and relationship bonds.



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