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snip

Do you enjoy math?

If I didn't I wouldn't be a mathematician.

If so, why?

The pleasure of finally solving a problem that once seemed
unsurmountable is a very big part of it.

How could teachers and students make math more fun to learn?

Why does it have to be "fun"?

Because students who enjoy the subject will learn it more thoroughly than those who hope that once the final exam is over they never have to see another math book. If the subject is worth knowing, it is worth knowing it thoroughly, not superficially.

Perhaps a better question still is "how could teachers present the subject matter in such a way that students will experience '...the pleasure of finally solving a problem that once seemed unsurmountable...'"? Heck, that gets you going, it oughta work for the students as well!

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