

## Questions Your Child's Teacher Would Love to Answer!

One of the best ways for parents and families to be actively engaged in their child's education is to communicate openly and often with their teachers. Unfortunately, parents and families don't always know what questions to ask when talking to teachers.

Below are some questions that you may want to consider asking. These questions will start a conversation and provide you with important information about what your child is doing in school, how you can support their learning, and how you can be more involved in school activities.

While all of these questions are really good things to ask, it is not recommended that you ask all of these at one time. We suggest that you review the questions and see which ones you are most comfortable with and which would provide you with information that you feel is important. If you feel that you need to ask all of these questions, please give your child's teacher sufficient time to answer them all or ask a few at a time throughout the year.

1. What academic standards will you be focusing on this school year and what do I need to know about them?
2. How will you respond if or when my child struggles in class (either academically or behaviorally)?
3. What are the most important and complex (content-related) ideas my child must understand by the end of the school year to be successful next year?
4. How are creativity and innovative thinking used each day in your classroom?
5. How is critical thinking used on a daily basis in your classroom?
6. How are assessments designed to promote learning rather than just simple measurement?
7. What can I do to support literacy at home?
8. What can I do to support building math skills at home?
9. What kinds of questions do you suggest that I ask my child(ren) on a daily basis about your class?
10. How do you personalize/differentiate learning in your classroom? School?
11. How will you measure academic progress throughout the year?
12. What are the most common instructional or literacy strategies that you will use this year and how can I extend those at home?
13. What are the best school or district resources that we should consider using as a family to support our child(ren) in the classroom?
14. What technology will be available for my child(ren) to use in your classroom and what do I need at home?
15. What are the most common barriers to learning that you see in your classroom?
16. How do you see your role as teacher in the learning process?
17. Are there other questions that I should be asking?