

Plan to talk with your student about his/her day at school or daycare.

Ask questions about their day. What was fun and what was hard?

Read to your student daily.

Engage yourself in your student's interests and school work. Show excitement in what they are learning and have them teach you.

Nurture their interest for learning.

Talk with and listen to your student. Talking helps open the communication between you and your student.

Introduce your student to resources in the community. Take them on field trips.

Never stop communicating with your child. Help them realize what they learn in school is useful in the real world.

Give praise for your student's accomplishments. Compliment your student on their effort and progress.

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Questions

To ask your kids after,
"How was your day?"




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Language development is one of the most important life-long skills. Talking with young children about their day promotes language development as well as social-emotional development.

Parents want their children to be successful and research indicates that their involvement makes a difference. These questions are intended to help start conversations that will strengthen family connections and support success. Don't feel you have to ask every question in the book. Browse through and select the ones that are most appropriate for the age of your child and the time available to engage in conversation. The possibilities are endless and the results priceless!



Draw a picture of your day here:

Write your name here:

How old are you?

Draw a picture of your family:

What would you like to tell me about pre-school/child care today?



What was the funniest thing that happened?

What was the most interesting thing you played?



What stories can you tell me about your friends?

What could you show me that you learned today?

What did you like about school today?



What was the worst thing about school/child care today?

What can you tell me about your snack/lunch?



What do you do when you are upset/unhappy at school?

If you got one wish about child care/preschool, what would it be?



What makes a good friend?

What is your favorite thing to do at school?

What did you have the most fun doing today?

When you need help with doing something, what do you do?



What was the nicest thing you did for someone today?

What did you not do today that you wish you had done?

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When you have trouble with something, what do you do?

What is your favorite song you sing at child care/preschool?

If you drew a picture of how your day went today, what would it be?

What do you do best at child care/preschool?

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What are you looking forward to tomorrow?



Would you rather play inside or outside? Why?

What will you remember most about your day today?

What helps you have a good day?

What is the first thing you do when you get to school?



What are some of your favorite books at child care/preschool?

What do you like most about being at preschool/child care?



What are the names of your friends that you played with today?

If you get tired at preschool/child care, what do you do?