



Conversation Starters

Who is/was your favorite teacher? Why?

If you were principal of your school, would you change anything? What?

Would you rather go to your school, or Hogwarts. Why?

Albert Camus said, "In the depth of winter, I learned that there was in me an invincible summer." What do you think he meant?

Are you a "summer" person? If not, what season do you think best represents you?

What is your favorite summer food to eat?

What was your favorite thing you did this summer? Why was it your favorite?

Why do we celebrate the 4th of July?
What is your favorite part of the holiday?

What do you think about rules? Do you think they're important? What are some rules you have in your home or at school?

Do you think you have too much freedom, or not enough?

Do you feel free to be yourself?

If you could change one thing about your family or about school, what would it be?

In Green Eggs and Ham, Sam-I-am refuses to try green eggs and ham. Then he does and he likes them. Has this ever happened to you?

Do you have a favorite movie, book or song that deals with change? Why is this your favorite?

Maya Angelou once said, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." What do you think she meant by this? Have you ever had to do this?

Margaret Mead said, "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." Can you give an example of this from your lifetime?

"As soon as you get over caring what people think, you can have a nice time," said Lara Flynn Boyle. Do you care what other people think? In what ways?

Name three springtime activities that make you happy.

What will you miss most about winter?

One of the Beatles' most famous songs is "All You Need is Love." Do you think that's true? What other necessities might you throw in there?

Do you have a favorite love story? Is it from a book, movie or real life? Talk about it.



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What is your favorite food? Your least favorite?

What is your favorite season? What do you like about it?

How do you feel about sharing? Do you like to share?
Why or why not?

How do daddy or mommy show fairness at home? Or
how does your teacher show fairness at school?

In the book *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No
Good, Very Bad Day*, Alexander has a bad day. Have you
ever had a bad day? Did it get better? How?

What is one thing you enjoy being responsible for?

What are 3 things you have to do every day, whether
you like it or not?

What has been your favorite part of school this year?

What is your favorite part of the school day?

When you are really upset, what helps calm you down?

What is your favorite place in the world to sit quietly?

What is the craziest thing you've ever eaten?

What do you do each day to recharge after a long day?
Do you typically get to do this every day? Why or why
not?

Tell us a story about something that happened today at
school and another story that you made up about
something that happened. We'll try to guess which is
which.

What is one thing that happened today that made you
feel: happy, silly, friendly, smart? (Perhaps try a
different adjective each day.)

Which school subject do you think will be most helpful
to you in the future?

What is the hardest thing about being # years old?
What is the best thing about being # years old?

Would you rather be good looking, smart, or athletic?

Would you rather be rich or famous?

What is your favorite form of exercise?

What do you do when you are afraid?

What is your favorite type of weather?

What's your favorite thing to do outside?

A coach is fired after a video of him berating the
players goes public. Unfortunately, there are lots of
examples in the media of politicians, sports figures,
businessmen and others acting unfairly. Can you think
of someone you admired who acted unfairly? What did
they do? How did this change your opinion of them?