

Quick Click: 10 Questions to Ask Your Child About His Day at School

Get a sense of your child's life at school by asking questions that elicit more than a one-word response. Move beyond the “fine” and “nothing” by asking your son or daughter to describe his or her world at school.



The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Get your child to describe his world. You want to trigger some thought to bring about discussion. It's also great to start the conversation with an anecdote from your own day. Try one of these conversation-starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- What did you like about your new teacher(s)?
- What are you doing in Math? (Science, English etc.)?
- What subject do you think is the hardest right now?
- What do you think you did well today?
- Is there anything you wish you would have done differently?
- Is there any friend you might like to get to know better?
- What is happening in the book you are reading?