

Parent Resource

Open- Ended Questions to Help Children Think

In the classroom, we guide conversations by asking open-ended questions. These questions allow the children to expand their thinking and think critically about their work.

This helpful list from Georgia's Pre- K Program, includes thought provoking questions to use while having conversations with your child.

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Using open-ended questions is a wonderful way to stretch children's curiosity, reasoning ability, creativity and independence. Asking open-ended questions gives teachers an opportunity to see what a child is thinking and feeling. A question like, "What color is that block?" evokes a one word answer. An open-ended question like, "Tell me about the blocks you are using," encourages children to use their language to describe the blocks or what they are doing. There is no right or wrong answer to an open-ended question so all children can be successful in answering them. Teachers can use the questions below to help incorporate open-ended questions in their classroom instruction.