

Meaningful Conversations Magnets

Teachers can help students build conversation skills at school, and families can support them at home with these helpful magnets. The magnets are designed to be displayed in a familiar location in the home where they will be seen often, such as on the refrigerator in the kitchen. They contain ideas for topics to discuss as well as several ways in which families can support student discussions. The magnets are a great tool for engaging families to support student learning and can be a welcome addition to school events such as family literacy nights and parent teacher conferences. They are available here in eight languages including English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Spanish, Hmong, Russian, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

Refrigerator Magnets - English

Print on cardstock, trim, and laminate.

Affix magnets on the back at the top and bottom of the infographics.

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

- Talk about what interests your child
- Use eye contact when speaking
- Put away any distractions
- Sit at your child's level
- Share positive stories about your life
- Find time to talk to your child every day

SPARK THEIR CURIOSITY

Show them how you wonder about the world around you. For example, take a nature walk around the park. Describe what you see and what you wonder about. Pick up different rocks and leaves and describe how they look and feel.



TEACH COMMUNICATION

Help your child talk about emotions. Teach them to identify how they are feeling and what to do when they are overwhelmed.

- Take a deep breath and tell how you're feeling.
- What is the problem?
- Let's talk about some possible solutions.



MAKE PREDICTIONS

A prediction is a guess based on what is already known. Predictions may not always be correct, and that's okay.

Try asking prediction questions:

- How many marbles will it take to fill this jar?

Ask follow-up questions:

- How accurate was your prediction?
- What did you learn from this experiment?



INSPIRE EXPLORATION

Use their environment to learn about new topics. For example, find an insect like a ladybug or a caterpillar. Put it in a plastic cup with holes. Observe the behaviors and talk about what you all notice. Then set it free.



BROADEN THEIR MINDS

Experiment with new ideas and test their thinking. For example, when it's raining, leave a cup outside to collect the rain. Measure how much water is in the cup each hour. Discuss why rain is important to our lives.



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