Talking With Your Child

The common "How was your day" is sometimes greeted with a "fine" or "ok" answer from your child. Talking to your child about how their day was is a very important part of the day.  This is where you can celebrate the daily achievements and problem solve if needed.  The approach to this daily question should be a positive experience for all that are involved.

As teachers, we want to know if your child is having a problem at school and we are here to work with both you and your child to solve those problems. We are also here to join in on the celebrations and achievements your child makes and want to know about those as well.

Below is a wonderful article from [Simple Simon and Company](http://www.simplesimonandco.com/2014/08/25-ways-ask-kids-school-today-without-asking-school-today.html/) that helps parents and teachers ask the same routine question in 25 unique and thought-provoking ways.

**25 WAYS TO ASK YOUR KIDS “SO HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?” WITHOUT ASKING THEM “SO HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?”**

1.  What was the best thing that happened at school today?  (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)

2.  Tell me something that made you laugh today.

3.  Who would you like to sit by in class?  (Who would you NOT want to sit by in class?  Why?)

4.  Where is the coolest place at the school?

5.  Tell me a weird word that you heard today.  (Or something weird that someone said.)

6.  If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?

7.  How did you help somebody today?

8.  How did somebody help you today?

9.  Tell me one thing that you learned today.

10.  When were you the happiest today?

11.  When were you bored today?

12.  If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed up someone who would you want them to take?

13.  Who would you like to play with at recess that you’ve never played with before?

14.  Tell me something good that happened today.

15.  What word did your teacher say most today?

16.  What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?

17.  What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?

18.  Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?

19.  Where do you play the most at recess?

20.  Who is the funniest person in your class?  Why is he/she so funny?

21.  What was your favorite part of lunch?

22.  If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?

23.  Is there anyone in your class that needs a time out?

24.  If you could switch seats with anyone in the class who would you trade with?  Why?

25.  Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.