Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

Tell me about what you are making.

Can you put them (the materials) together another way?

What would happen if...?
CREATIVE ART

CHILDREN LEARN...
- to use a variety of materials
- creativity and interest in art
- sensory and color awareness
- small muscle skills

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- Tell me about what you are making.
- How does drawing/painting make you feel?
- What do you think we can do with...(this material)?
DRAMATIC PLAY

CHILDREN LEARN...

- language skills and vocabulary
- to expand their imagination
- to manage emotions and work with others
- to practice self help skills

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- What would you like to pretend to do?
- What do you think might happen if...?
- What would you like to ask your friend to do with you?
LANGUAGE & LITERACY

CHILDREN LEARN...
- listening skills
- vocabulary, grammar and critical thinking
- reading readiness skills
- to communicate ideas and concerns
- to recall and sequence events

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

🌿 What do you like about that story? Why?
🌿 What would you do if you were in the story?
🌿 Tell me about what the puppets are doing.
Open Ended Questions

Which book would you like to read today? Why?

Have you ever felt like... (name a character in the book)?

What do you think might happen next?
MANIPULATIVES

CHILDREN LEARN...
  reasoning skills
  hand-eye coordination
  patterning and sequencing
  to observe detail
  to sort and count

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- How does this work? Which way?
- What would you like to make? How will you make it?
- How do these pieces fit together?
Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

Which is the longest, shortest, tallest?

How are these alike? Different?

How many things do you think are here? (Estimation)

Do you like this or that? How come? (Graphing)
MUSIC & MOVEMENT

CHILDREN LEARN...

- rhythm and singing (improves reading fluency)
- listening sound discrimination
- auditory memory
- cultural awareness and creativity
- coordination and balance

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- How does this music make you feel?
- Tell me about what you are doing.
- What do you like best about this music and/or instrument?
SCIENCE & SENSORY

CHILDREN LEARN...

- physics, biology, chemistry, physiology
- to develop a sense of touch
- thinking and problem solving skills
- sensory awareness and observation skills
- to investigate their environment

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- Tell me what you are doing.
- What do you notice/see?
- What do you think about...?
- How does this feel? Look? Smell?
WRITING AREA

CHILDREN LEARN...
- the stages of writing
- to dictate ideas and see their own words on paper
- to copy letters, signs, and symbols
- how to use a variety of writing materials

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- What would you like to write about today?
- What are your favorite things to write about?
- What things in this area do you like to use the most? Why?