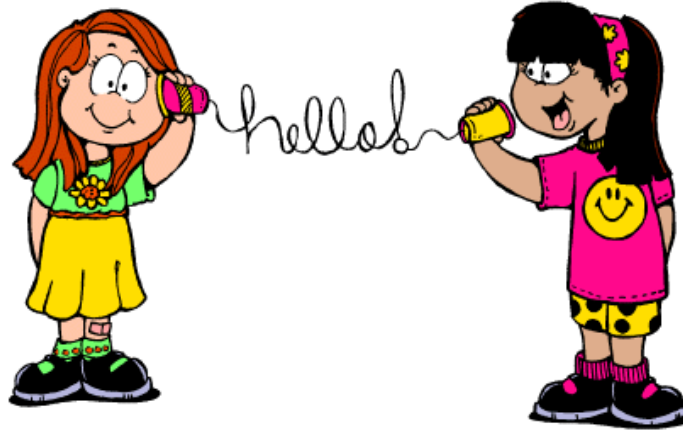


ASKING QUESTIONS....Starting Small Talk!

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Here are some opening questions to help start a conversation or to keep one going. After reviewing the list with, be creative and brainstorm new “conversation starters” especially as special events occur at school.

Please practice and use role playing for the Q & A. You can pretend you are friends meeting or use puppets/stuffed animals to act out the parts and review the lines. It is important to rehearse asking the question and following up with an appropriate response. Present only 4-6 at a time so lines can be learned and stored!

Ending the conversation is important too.

Practice exiting a conversation by saying; OK..see you later, see you at school, Time for class, Bye, Gotta go!

Let's Get Started:

Present the mission:

1. Pick a person who is NOT busy.
2. Orient to Person: Turn body & Look at face
3. ASK 1 or 2 Questions to start a conversation, create small talk

Possible Opening Questions:

Have you seen Harry Potter, MegaMind yet (or current / popular movies)?
Do you go to _____ (name of after school activity or program)?
What are you going to play at recess?
When do we go to computer next?
What video games do you have at home?
Do you play WII? Which one?

Do you have any pets?
Have you gone to Leggoland?
Are we going to the library today?
What book are you reading?
Do you stay after school?
Where do you sit for lunch?
Cool shoes...where did you get them?
Are you going somewhere for Thanksgiving?
What are you doing for winter break?
What presents do you want for Christmas?
Do you have a Christmas tree at home?

Remember to practice. This is sometimes like an actor learning a new script!