

Questions for your Montessori child.

Ever wonder what they do for 3 hours? What did you do in school today? Although it seems like a straight forward and open ended question to begin a great conversation, we must remember the age appropriateness of the questions we ask. As parents we have the need to know what are children are doing, their likes, dislikes and much more. Now we have to get creative, more specific, and engage them to become open communicators giving them opportunities to think about their day.

Try the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How  
(Did usually only provides a yes or no answer and we want much more!)

*What* was something good that happened in class?  
*What* was something bad that happened in class?  
*What* was something funny that happened in class?  
*What* letter work did you do?  
*What* number work did you do?  
*What* pencil work did you do?  
*Who* brought snack? (their picture is next to the snack area)  
*What* was for snack?  
*When* did you have snack? (at the beginning of class, after Japanese)  
*Where* can you eat snack?  
*Why* should you eat snack?  
*How* many did you get for snack?  
*Who* did you work with at a table?  
*What* work did you do at the table?  
*Who* did you work with at a rug?  
*What* work did you do at the rug?  
*Who* was the teacher at circle?  
*Where* did Miss \_\_\_\_\_ sit?  
*Who* has Monty this week?  
*Who* had him last week?  
*What* is Monty?  
*When* does Monty come to our house?  
*Where* is Monty?  
*Whose* turn was it to take home Monty?

Which question you ask is not as important as where the question may lead. Keep in mind these examples were composed as starter questions think of these, elaborate and change them to fit your family. Remember each child is unique and some need to burn off their energy at the playground and questions would be better over lunch or some need lunch first. Most importantly this is the beginning of a life time of communication between you and your child.

~ Edmonds Montessori

