**Sample Questions you could ask during conferences….**

**Attitude Toward School**

**Child**

* How are you feeling about school right now?
* Do you like coming to school?
* What do you like about it?
* What are the most important things you are learning this year?
* If there was one thing you could change about this year/term, what would it be?

**Parent**

* Are those the kind of things you are hearing at home too?

**Strengths**

**Child**

* What are your strengths as a learner?
* Why do you think that?
* What is going well for you?
* What do you think is something you are really good at?
* Could you show us an example from your work?
* Describe your favourite class learning activities? Why?
* What makes you happiest at school?
* What things interest you the most at school?
* What things would you like to learn more about?

**Parent**

* Do you agree?
* Was this a strength for your child last year too?
* What other areas do you feel are a strength for your child?

**Portfolio**

**Child**

* What is your favourite piece of work? Why is it your favourite?
* What piece of work are you most proud of and why?
* What piece do you feel was the easiest to complete? Why?
* What piece was the most difficult for you to complete? Why?
* What piece presented you with the biggest challenge?

**Parent**

* Do you have any questions about your child’s portfolio or work examples?
* Is there something in this sample of work you would like your child to further explain to you?

**Areas to Work On**

**Child**

* What things have you had to work really hard at this term?
* What areas do you still feel you struggle at? Need extra help with?
* How can I and/or your parents help you with these areas?

**Parent**

* Do you see this area as being difficult for your child?
* How do you feel we could support your child, together, in this area?

**Areas of Confusion**

**Child**

* Is there anything we have been doing in class that is not making sense to you or that you think you need to do better in?
* How can your parents and I help you with this?

**Parent**

* Are there any procedures or assignments that you are unsure about or that you don’t think are working well for you child right now?

**Home Support**

**Child**

* What else can we set up for you at home to help you do your best?

**Parent**

* Are there any supports I can help you with implementing at home to better support your child’s learning at home?

**Social Development**

**Child**

* How are you getting along with the other kids in class?
* Who are your friends in class?
* Is there anything going on between you and the other kids in our class that we need to talk about?
* Are there any kids in our class that you would like to get to know better?
* Are there ways we can help you with this?

**Parent**

* Is this what you have been hearing from your child at home?
* Does he/she seem happy with the friends he/she has made in our class?
* Is there anything else you feel would benefit your child socially at school?

**Goals**

**Child**

* What is one thing you would most like to accomplish this year/term?
* What are the major learning goals you hope to accomplish this year?
* What are some things you cannot do now but hope to achieve soon?
* Let’s make a plan to help you do that

**Parent**

* Is there anything specific that you would like to see your child improve this year/term?
* What can we do to help support your child and your family with that?
* Let’s review the goals your child has set for the year/term and indicate how we can support your child in achieving his/her goals.