

Collaborative Conversations: Parent Tip Card

Collaborative Conversations focus on purposeful and authentic opportunities to engage students in academic discussions that are anchored in text and literacy tasks. Academic discussion helps students develop reasoning skills.

To help facilitate purposeful and sustained academic discussion, use these sentence frames to support students' language use as they justify and persuade others about their opinion.

Prompt Starters:

- Can you explain how this connects_____?
- Can you give me an example_____?
- Say more about_____.
- What do you think?

Response Starters:

- This connects to_____.
- One example from my life is_____.
- It is important because_____.
- I think_____.

Providing Evidence (Justify/Explain)

- The reason I believe _____ is because_____.
- My idea/answer/explanation is similar to/related to _____.
- I believe _____ because it says In the _____ paragraph that "_____."

Asking for Evidence (Justify/Explain)

- Can you show me where you found the information about_____?
- What is the author trying to prove when he/she says_____?
- What causes_____ to _____?
- Pull a quote from the readings that explains this.

Making a Claim

- The experience of _____ caused_____.
- I noticed that when _____ occurs, the results are_____.
- The effect of _____ on _____ is often _____.

Offering a Counterclaim

- I disagree because_____.
- I'm not sure I agree with what _____ said because _____.
- I can see that _____; however, I disagree because _____.