

Conversation Starters

(Opening Communication with Teachers)

What are the big ideas that you are going to be discussing in this class?

Can you help me understand how this topic is connected to the big ideas you mentioned?

What are the goals for this assignment – topic - lesson - unit - week - month?

What should my child be able to do at the end of this lesson or unit?

What are some of the concepts and skills that students typically have trouble with in this lesson?

Could you suggest some questions or strategies that I could use to help my child with this lesson?

I was helping my child with _____ the other night and we both had trouble understanding _____. Could you explain _____ to me?

Can you help me understand what level of work is appropriate for this assignment? How will my child be graded on this assignment?

Can you help me understand how this unit or lesson is connected to the state standards that my child is required to meet?

What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in this class? What skills can I focus on when I help them at home?

What are the resources available to my child at school if they are having trouble with this assignment?