

QUESTIONING

GUIDELINES: The overall goal of questioning is to raise children who are responsible, who can solve problems, and have critical thinking skills.

We can guide children through our questions and conversation with them. By modeling this behavior, we can foster these skills in the children.

The challenge is for other adult and student teachers not to answer questions for the child.

Avoid questions that can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no". Use phrases such as:

Tell me about your picture.

How did you feel when . . . ?

Which is the biggest?

What comes next? And then?

What did you like best about . . . ?

Can you tell me how this works?

How does it feel?

How does it taste?

How does it smell?

I wonder why . . . ?

What do you think will happen if . . . ?

What can we do about . . . ?

What's happening here?

Why do you think this happened?