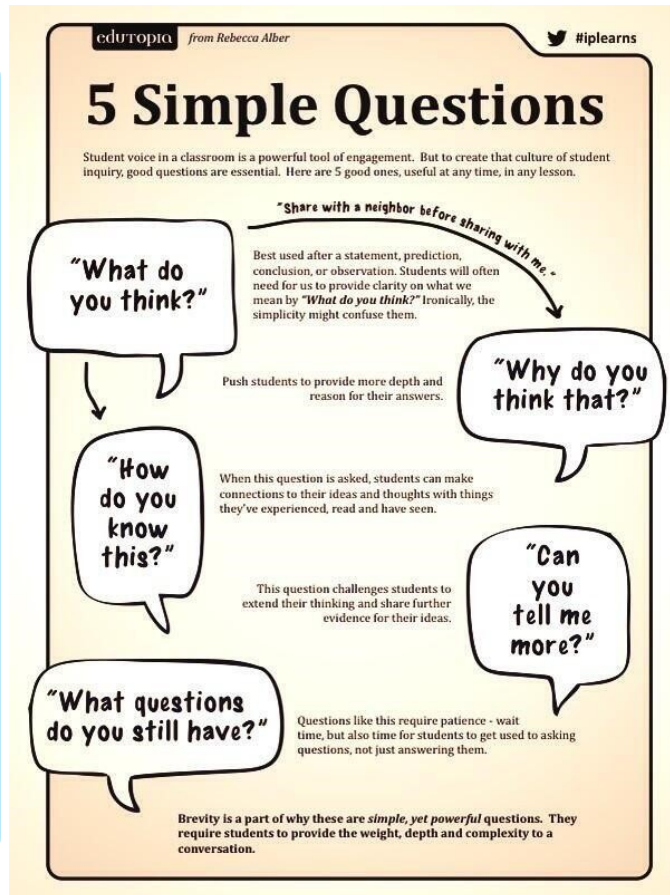


## Reflecting on the past...    Engaging the future...

Summertime is the perfect time to reflect on the many things that happened during the past school year, and also look toward to those areas that you would like to improve or change. Whether you are a parent or teacher, you can get more engagement by asking the right questions. Here are 5 *Simple Questions* that invite more engaging conversations than, 'What did you do today?' or, 'How was your day?' Be prepared to hear more significant answers than, 'Nothing!' or 'Okay!' Let's have a conversation to invite inquiry, challenge, connections, depth, and complexity!



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### 5 Simple Questions

Student voice in a classroom is a powerful tool of engagement. But to create that culture of student inquiry, good questions are essential. Here are 5 good ones, useful at any time, in any lesson.

**"What do you think?"**  
Best used after a statement, prediction, conclusion, or observation. Students will often need for us to provide clarity on what we mean by "What do you think?" Ironically, the simplicity might confuse them.

**"Why do you think that?"**  
Push students to provide more depth and reason for their answers.

**"How do you know this?"**  
When this question is asked, students can make connections to their ideas and thoughts with things they've experienced, read and have seen.

**"Can you tell me more?"**  
This question challenges students to extend their thinking and share further evidence for their ideas.

**"What questions do you still have?"**  
Questions like this require patience - wait time, but also time for students to get used to asking questions, not just answering them.

*"Share with a neighbor before sharing with me."*

Brevity is a part of why these are simple, yet powerful questions. They require students to provide the weight, depth and complexity to a conversation.

- ### Assessment Schedule During the 2018-2019 School Year:
- Grade 4 students take the CogAT Screener in the August/September testing window.
- For the 2019-2020 school year:
- Opt-in testing for grades 4-8 students is in the November/December testing window.
  - Opt-in testing for grades K-3 students is in the January/February testing window.

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### ELP Quotation

**"Always the beautiful answer who asks a more beautiful question."**

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### Looking forward to the ELP newsletters this year - we will feature the six NAGC Pre-K-12 Gifted Education Programming Standards:

- **Learning and Development:** Self Understanding, Awareness of Needs, and Cognitive and Affective Growth
- **Assessment:** Identification, Learning Progress and Outcomes, and Program Evaluation
- **Curriculum Planning and Instruction:** Talent Development, Instructional Strategies, and Culturally Relevant Curriculum and Resources
- **Learning Environments:** Personal, Social, Cultural and Communication Competence, and Leadership
- **Programming:** Collaboration, Resources, and Career Pathways
- **Professional Development:** Talent, Social-emotional, and Lifelong Learners