

Conversation Starters



QUESTIONS TO ASK FAMILIES

- How long have you lived in this community?
- What brought you to this community?
(Note: Ask this question with care. Depending on their immigration or other status, families might be uncomfortable or unwilling to share details.)
- What kinds of things do you like to do together as a family?
- What was life like for you when you were growing up?
- I see [pictures on the wall, a certain plant or knickknack in the house] – ...
- For the student: What do you like to do outside of school?
- For the student: What's your favorite _____?
(e.g., food, color, animal, etc.)

THINGS YOU CAN SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF TO BREAK THE ICE

- What community are you a part of?
- What brought you to your community?
- Share a little about your own family. Share pictures.
- What was life like for you when you were growing up? Bring a picture of yourself in the grade that you teach to show the student and family.
- What's your favorite _____?
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