CREATIVE ARTS

Questions to Promote Children’s Thinking

* How are these alike or different?
* Is there a pattern in this?
* What do you think should happen next?
* What would happen if…?
* Which is… (e.g., larger or smaller, louder or softer, brighter or darker)?
* How would you move if you were this animal?
* What can you tell me about your work?
* How did you feel when you hear/saw that?
* How is this… (e.g., shape, sound, movement, phrase) different from the other one?

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MATHEMATICS

Questions to Promote Children’s Thinking

* Can you see if you can find another way to make those blocks stand up?
* What other block shape might work there?
* How will the firefighters get into your building?
* It looks like you are all out of the long blocks. What else could you use to fill up the same space?
* Can you find two blocks that you could put together to be the same size as this one block?
* How will people know what building this is?
* How will people know which way to drive their cars on the road?
* Which animals will live in each part of your zoo?
* Tell me about your building?
* How did you decide to put all those blocks together?

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SCIENCE

Questions to Promote Children’s Thinking

* What do you suppose would happen if…?
* What will you do next? I wonder…?
* Why do you think that?
* How did you figure that out?
* Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?
* How does it move?
* What changes do you see?
* Which have changed the most?
* How do you know?
* Which one is… (e.g., heavier, taller)? How could you find out? Why do you think so?
* What do you think will happen?
* Why do you think the …. (e.g., ice melted, clouds, disappeared)?
* Can you draw a picture of your findings? Can you add some words?

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