

Interest Area Question Stems and Conversation Starters

Questions for the Art Area

What will you make/paint/draw today?

What do you think we can do with ____?

What else can you use?

What else do you want to do with your art?

What materials will you need?

What do you think will happen if ____?

Tell me about your ____.

What does this make you think about?

Who do you want to do art with?

Why did you ____?

What do you like best about your ____?

Questions for the Dramatic Play Area

Tell me about what you are playing.

What did you do first?

How do you feel when ____?

Why is the baby crying?

What would you like to eat?

What are you cooking?

Who is on the phone?

What kind of food are you feeding the baby?

Where is the doctor/nurse?

I would like to play; what can I do?

How do you feel today?

Who is doing the dishes?

What is he/she doing?

Where does the baby sleep?

Where do the dirty dishes go?

Questions for the Library Area

What are you doing?

Tell me about ____.

What would you do if ____?

Why do you think ____ said ____?

What do you think will happen?

What happened first/next/last?

Who do you want to read with?

Let us see what ____ thinks. Ask him/her.

How many ____ do you have?

How does ____ make you feel?

What is your favorite ____?

Where is the ____?

Who is ____?

Questions for the Discovery Area

What does that feel like?

Which one is biggest/heaviest?

Where did you find ____?

How many ____ are there?

Do you think it will float/sink?

Who would you like to play with?

What does it look like?

What shape is it?

Does it go fast or slow? How does ____ move?

What do you like best about ____?

How can we make ____?

Where does ____ go?

Would you like to make ____ larger/smaller?

Where does ____ live?

Questions for the Writing Area

Where is the top/bottom of the page?

What are you writing?

Let us make a list for the grocery store ____.

Do you want to write with a pen, pencil, chalk, or a
maker?

Do you want to trace or write on your own?

What color do you want to write with?

Who do you want to write to?

What letter is this?

What do you want me to write?

What do you like best about your ____?

What would happen if ____?

I want to play; what should I write?

Questions for the Blocks Area

What would you like to make?

How are you going to make it?

How else could you use ____?

What will you do first?

Who can help you ____?

How does ____ work?

I want to play; what should I build?

What would happen if ____?

What just happened?

Tell me about ____.

What is in front of ____?

What is between ____ and ____?

What is next to ____?

Remember ____? Let's try and build it.

Questions for the Sand and Water Table

What are you doing?

How could you ____?

How does ____ feel?

What else can we do with ____?

Is there more/less?

What do you like best about ____?

Who do you want to play with?

Where is ____?

Which tool do you want?

What do you think will happen if we ____?

Is the ____ in/on/under/between ____?

Questions for the Toys and Games Area

What are you doing?

Can you use this item to make an ____ pattern?

Which set has more/less?

How many are there?

What would happen if you put ____ more?

What would happen if you took ____ away?

Which one is longer/shorter?

How do you know?

What would happen if ____?

How are ____ the same/different?

Which one is first/last?

What tools are you using?

What comes next?

Which one goes here?

Questions for the Foundational Literacy Area

What letter is this?

What sound does this letter make?

What words begin with this letter/sound?

What letters do you need to finish this word?

What sound do you hear at the beginning/middle/end
of ____?

What would happen if you changed the first/last
letter?

How many syllables do you hear in the word ____?

How do you know ____?

How are these the same/different?

Which letter/sound fits here?

What comes next?

Questions for the Music and Movement Area

What are you doing?

What sound do you hear?

How does the ____ make that sound?

Can you match this beat?

Can you create a pattern using the sounds?

Where have you heard music like this before?

How are these instruments the same/different?

How are these sounds the same/different?

Do you like this sound/music? Why or why not?

What would happen if ____?