

Guiding Questions & Prompts for FFNS Facilitators & Volunteers

We must believe that children who wander, wonder and play are ALSO learning. We can aid them in their learning (and our own!) by offering occasional prompts and asking them open-ended guiding questions. We can also simply say, "Wow!" instead of always, "Let me tell you about that." Let's learn together – there is no student, there is no teacher, we're all teaching at the same time, we're all learning at the same time.

Here are some examples of open-ended questions & prompts to support you in your interactions with Nature School participants...

Guiding Questions & Prompts:

- 🌿 What can you see/hear/feel/smell?
- 🌿 What do you think happened?
- 🌿 Why do you think that is?
- 🌿 I wonder what's going to happen. What do you think will happen?
- 🌿 Do you think you can find a way to do that?
- 🌿 What else can you use to...?
- 🌿 How do you think we can find out?
- 🌿 I wonder if... What do you think?
- 🌿 What would happen if...?
- 🌿 Do you have any ideas?
- 🌿 How are you planning to...?
- 🌿 What made you think of that?
- 🌿 What is it that helped you come to this idea?
- 🌿 What does this remind you of?
- 🌿 Hmm...what do you think?
- 🌿 Why? (Or why not?)

Reflection Questions:

- 🌿 What were you doing there?
- 🌿 What were you thinking about?
- 🌿 What did you wonder/think? Were you right?
- 🌿 Were you able to accomplish what you were trying to do?
- 🌿 What if we tried... today?
- 🌿 Why did you choose...?