Conversing with Your Child

To really have a conversation with a child provides an amazing window into their world. Try to use open-ended questions or prompts such as “Tell me about...” and then ask additional questions to extend the exchange. Rather than correcting their take on something, try to ask questions to clarify why they might see it that way. Conversations (learning and using language) are great stepping-stones on the way to early literacy. Enjoy!

Questions or prompts to stimulate a conversation with your child about their time at CPEC:

- What is your favorite part of your time at CPEC?
- Which color stick did you choose today? What did you do in that room?
- What did you have for snack (morning and/or afternoon)?
- Tell me about the job you chose today.
- How did you use teamwork today?
- Which books did you read or look at today?
- What did you do on the playground/up in the gym?
- Teach me the hand washing song!
- Which friends did you play with today?
- How were you a good listener? A friend? A helper?
- What are your friends’ names?
- What are the teachers’ names?
- What are the names of the fish at school? Tell me about the lobsters.
- Let’s sing together! Teach me a song that you sing at CPEC.
- How were you being silly today?
- Tell me about the different rooms at CPEC.
- Have you ever been in the office? What’s in there?
- What was drawn on your lunch placemat today? Why that?
- What should I write on the home/school form for next time?
- Which colors of play dough are at CPEC now?