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- What are the most important skills my child should master this month/semester/year?
- Will homework be different this year? If so, how? What will you do differently in math and English language arts instruction this year?
- What will my child be reading this year? How will her writing assignments look different?
- What sources could we turn to for additional fiction and non-fiction texts to read at home?
- What resources are available to assist parents if my child requires additional help at home or wants to learn more about a particular topic?

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- What did you read today? What was a particular piece of the text that interested you or surprised you? Tell me about it. *Connect with your own anecdote regarding the topic.*
- What new words did you learn this week? What do they mean? Can you spell them for me?
- Let me see what your teacher(s) is (are) asking you to write this week. What do you think the purpose of the assignment(s) is (are)? *Follow up on whether your child is completing the assignments.*
- Can I see your math homework? Can you do it on your own? Do you need help? *You may not have the answer, so it's okay to ask your child's teacher for help or do your own research.*
- *Later in the school year, real world application of math knowledge:* Can you give me an example of something new you learned in math this year and how you could apply it in everyday life? How did you figure that out and why is it important to know that?