

Sampling of Circle Prompts – 2020-2021
What is your favorite color? What is your favorite food? What is your favorite candy?
Who is your role model? Would you rather fly to the moon or swim to the bottom of the ocean? What did you enjoy about 4th grade this week? What are you looking forward to about 4th grade?
Do you like summer or winter better?
If you were walking to school with Pete the Cat, what color shoes would you be rocking? Do you like to use markers, crayons, or paint when you are being an artist?
What was your favorite thing you did over the summer? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite breakfast food?
If you could be anywhere in the world, where would it be? What was a better invention, umbrella or backpack? 9/11 is a day I'll never forget. What is a historical event in your life that you will never forget?
What would your ultimate tree house look like?
If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be? If you could have one superpower what would it be? When you meet a new friend, what is the first thing you want them to know about you?
What is your favorite subject? If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Would you rather be a detective or a pilot?

What is one word to describe your first week?

Is a hotdog a sandwich?

What zoo animal would you be if you could?

Would you rather have no teeth or no sense of smell?

Something I am good at is _____

Which of these best describes your mood today? Students were given four photos to choose from.

Which of these best describes your mood today? Students were given four different photos to choose from.

What's your favorite resource class?

What's your favorite instrument?

What topping do you like on your pizza?

What is a superpower you already have?

Would you rather kayak or camp?

If you could have any job, what would it be?

If you could pick any method of transportation, which would you pick?

Build your dream breakfast

If you could play any sport, what would it be?

What is your favorite toy?

What is your biggest pet peeve (the thing you find most annoying)?

What is your favorite snack?

If you can grow up to be successful and famous, what would you be known for?

Would you rather be stranded on an island alone for one month or not allowed to leave your house for an entire year? Explain why.

Do you prefer online learning or in-person learning? Explain why.

If you could trade places with any famous person, who would it be and why?

Positive vibe check-in

What makes you the happiest and why?

Would you rather have/not have, a house full of: dogs, cats, plants, toddlers, snakes?

What invention would you create? or What invention are you grateful for?

Are you a morning person or a night person and why?

What was the best thing you did over the weekend? Who is someone you look up to?

Would you rather have really long toenails or really long fingernails?

Would you rather be 2 years older or 5 years younger?

What was your favorite pair of shoes, or shoes you want to get?

Would you rather be a famous singer, actor, or athlete, or not famous at all?

If you had a pet mouse and brought them to school, what do you think they would bring in their backpack?

If you could improve one thing about our city, what would it be?

What is your favorite food on special occasions?

What is something you do to relieve stress?

Are you a day person or a night person?

If you could ask any animal one question and they'd answer, what would you ask them?

What is your favorite smell?

Do you like socks or bare feet?

I feel excited when _____.

Would you rather be a duck or flamingo?

a bowl of macaroni and cheese or Froot Loops?

What is a food you don't like?

What do you like about virtual learning?

What don't you like about virtual learning?

What is the best way to eat an Oreo?

If you could move every three years with your family to a new city, would you?

You can only pick two: laptop, book, video games, cell phone. What do you pick?

What is something that you struggled with that you worked hard at and became better at?

What is the most recent book you read, and did you like it?

Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or drink sour milk?

What is your favorite thing about fall?

If you could learn one skill in a day, what would it be?

If you get a surprise day off, what would you do?

Is technology making us worse at communicating? Why or why not?

What does a good friend do?

What's something you thought you wouldn't like, but now you do?

Tell us something you tasted today.

Tell us something you are thankful for.

Tell us something you saw today.

Are you coming to Back to School Zoom?

On a scale of 1-10 (😞 → 😊), how are you doing today?

Who is the funniest person you know? What makes them funny?

Do you like candy corn? Type Y or N in the chat.

What Classcraft powers do you think we should have?

How do you celebrate birthdays?

Would you rather walk on all fours or walk sideways like a crab?

Do you prefer working alone or in a group?

Would you rather always be hot or cold?

What is worse, slipping on a banana or dropping your ice cream cone?

Which activity would you enjoy most and why (pictures included)?

If you had to eat one vegetable with every meal, which would it be?

Which animal would make a better pet and why (pictures included)?

If you moved, what would be the first thing you unpack?

Would you rather rule the future or the past?

What is a better invention, a toothbrush or hairbrush?

Would you rather have no teeth or no sense of smell?

What is a food you strongly dislike?

What is your least favorite season?

What's one piece of advice you have for your 6th grade self?

When I hear the name Breonna Taylor I feel, I think, or I wonder...

The presidential debate was yesterday, if you were to run for president, what is one cause you would focus on?

The presidential debate was two days ago, if you were able to vote, what is one thing you would be looking for in your candidate?

What is your place to read?

Who is your favorite character?

Would you swim with sharks?

What type of restaurant would you open?

What's your favorite type of potato?

Would you rather have the ability to speak all languages or play every instrument?

Would you rather speak all languages or talk to animals?

Would you rather read minds or accurately predict the future?

What advice would you give someone new to this world?

Tell us one thing you touched with your hands today?

Tell us one thing you heard with your ears today?

What country would you like to visit? What US state would you like to visit? What did you do this weekend? What sport do you like to watch? What's your favorite breakfast?

When should you say you're sorry?

What taste do you prefer: salty or sweet?

When I think of blue, I think of...

How are you feeling today?

What do you like to do on a rainy day?

Which sandwich is better: grilled cheese or PB&J?

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, let's take a look at these flags from Spanish-speaking countries. Which one is your favorite? You can pick your favorite country or your favorite flag.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, let's take a look at some paintings by Spanish-speaking painters. Which one is your favorite?

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, let's take a look at some well-known tourist destinations in Central and South America. Which one would you most want to visit?

What lesson would you teach your future great-great grandchildren?

What makes you happy when you see it?

What unlikely animal friendship would you like to see?

What makes you proud of yourself?

Would you rather go skydiving or mountain climbing?

What is the better invention: an oven or microwave?

Are you afraid of bugs? If so, which ones!?

What is something you are VERY afraid of?

What is something that you are passionate about or you care a lot about? (Think: climate change, women's rights, animal rights, racial justice, public health, education).

Which Patrick are you feeling today (from Spongebob)?

Invent a new pizza topping! What would yours be?

What color leaves do you like best?

What do you do when you're bored?

What do you notice or wonder about **this** painting? (linked to a painting that we looked at)

What would you do if you were invisible?

If a genie granted you 2 wishes what would you wish for?

Would you rather have 3 eyes or 3 arms?

What do you do before bedtime?

Would you rather slide down a rainbow or jump into a cloud?

Would you rather eat your favorite food every day or find \$5 every day?

Would you rather be able to change colors or talk to animals?

Would you rather have 3 legs or 3 arms?

Would you rather spend a week in the woods or 1 night in a haunted house?

Would you rather meet your favorite musician or favorite fictional character?

What will you learn during today's field trip?

Who is your favorite Wayside Stories character?

What's your favorite form of transportation?

What kind of reptile would you want as a pet?

What did you do this weekend?

Would you rather lose the ability to speak or read?

Would you rather be covered in scale or fur?

Would you rather always be 10 minutes late or 20 minutes early?

Tell us one sign of fall.

Tell us one thing that starts with the sound /s/

We voted for bears that did a great job of preparing for hibernating. The question was what bear did you vote for and why?

If you could go back in time, what era and location would you live in?

National Noodle Day! What's your favorite noodle dish?

Today is Pierogi Day! Pierogies are like raviolis or dumplings. They originated in Poland. If you could create your own Pierogi what would you fill it with?

What do you miss about being at school?

If you could only choose one dessert and the other ones disappear off the earth, which would you pick?

If you had a time machine for the day, where would you go and why?

If you were stuck in the house with only 3 types of food, what would they be?

If you were stuck in the house with only 2 types of entertainment, what would they be?

If you were stuck in the house with only one person, who would it be?

Can you think of a food that reminds you of someone you love?

I feel curious when...
What is the best advice you've ever been given?
Would you rather ride a giraffe or elephant? What would you do if you met a dinosaur?
Do you like bananas or meatballs?
What is one way you can become a better student during virtual learning?
What's the best carnival food?
Would you rather have a magic carpet or an invisible cloak? Would you rather have gummy worm fingers or snickers toes?
What is something that you love or appreciate about your family or culture? Which would be your favorite outdoor place to visit? In honor of Mario Molina and other scientists and advocates who fight to keep our environment safe, what is one thing that you can do in your personal life to combat climate change?
Today is National Indigenous Peoples' Day! What is one fun fact you know about Native Americans! Today is National Silly Sayings Day! Make up a silly saying and put it into the chat! Today is National Dessert Day! What is your favorite dessert? Today is Conflict Resolution Day. Describe a time when you had to resolve a conflict with a friend, family member, or classmate.
Tell us something you would like to learn about in school. Tell us something that begins with the sound /e/
Told stories...one student started the story, then another added a line to it to keep the story going
Is it easier to be an adult or a kid? Why? If you could meet a famous person, who would it be and why?

What is something that spooks you?

What is something that you waited for and was “worth the wait”?

What is your least favorite chore?

What is your favorite holiday?

Would you rather throw snowballs or make a snow angel?

If you could be any animal for a day, what would you be?

Do you prefer cake or frosting?

If you could give one gift to every single child in the world, what gift would you give?

If you were a teacher, and the kids in your class would not listen to you, what would you do?

Was your break too short, too long, or just right?

What is one thing you hope to happen in 2021?

Would you rather live in a big mansion in the city or on a farm with lots of animals?

Do you prefer hot cocoa or hot tea?

What's on your mind right now?

Would you rather go to the doctor or the dentist?

We read a book about feelings and then afterwards I asked the class to tell me how they were feeling using a color. (The Color Monster)

What thoughts and feelings do you have to share about what happened yesterday (Capital Riots)?

Tell us one fun thing you did over Winter Break.

Did you try any of the New Year traditions and if so which ones?

Tell us one thing that begins with the sound /h/

If you could make something go away, what would it be?

What is your favorite online game?

Tell us one thing that starts with the sound /u/.

What would you put inside a cabinet? (learning what a cabinet is in language)

If you had a clock in your room, what kind would you like? (learning about clocks in language)

What is something new you've learned and how did you learn it?

If you were to splash a friend in a puddle, who would you splash and why?

Would you rather live on a space station or in a submarine and why?

If you could have an animal sidekick, what animal would you want and why?

What special belonging would you keep for your whole life?

If you could change only ONE thing about virtual learning, what would it be?

How would you describe a good teacher / your favorite teacher?

What are your two things you love about Maryland?

Would you rather have the lights on or off in a room full of snakes?

If you had the opportunity, would you travel to the moon? Tell why.

What would be a great surprise to see in our virtual classroom?

Have you ever broken something? What was it?

Would you rather swim in a pool of Jello or mustard?

What would you do with an extra \$100 for your pizzeria?

What is your favorite day of the week?

What subject would you teach at Wayside School?

Would you rather live in a world with no Mac and cheese or no pizza? Would you rather give up salt or sugar? Would you rather eat only cheese or only meat? If you had to go to the gym everyday for an hour do pizza to exist would you do it? Would you choose bagels or donuts? Breathing x2

Would you rather build a giant snowman or 10 small snowmen?

If you could paint your bedroom any color, what would you choose?

Would you rather wear wet socks or wet mittens?

Would you rather be half-dog half-human or a creature that can shoot lightning bolts?

Would you rather play inside or outside?

Would you rather have 5 ok friends or one best friend?

Would you rather be rich or famous?

If you could be president for a day, what is the first thing you would do?

Would you want someone to predict your future?

Would you rather be in a play or in a movie and why?

Mood Meter (Hamilton style)

Danielle did a presentation on "Famous Women Artists" for Teach Us Thursdays

Would you rather have a flying carpet or a car that can drive underwater?

Would you rather be unable to use search engines or social media?

Would you rather be an amazing painter or mathematician? Would you rather be able to control fire or water?

Would you rather live in a cave or tree house?

What should we name our class?

Would you rather be covered in scales or fur?

Affirmations are positive statements that can help you to challenge and overcome self-sabotaging and negative thoughts. When you repeat them often, and believe in them, you can start to make positive changes. What is an example of an affirmation that you would need to hear?

Today is Inauguration Day, what's one word to describe how you feel?

Post inauguration -- I feel, I think, I notice, I wonder

Amanda Gorman Poem w/ reactions

What have you learned about Dr. King so far, and what questions do you have?

What is a dream you have?

Would you rather lose screen time for a month or not eat sweets?

Tell us one thing that you did for someone that was kind?

If you walked out your front door and found a box on the steps, what would you hope was inside?

Tell us something that begins with the sound /g/

If MLK were alive today, what issues would concern him?

Dear President Biden, One thing I'd like you to focus on is.....

Show Kindness Chart: Which act of kindness will you complete this weekend and why?

Today is National Squirrel Appreciation Day. What do you appreciate most about squirrels?

It's Answer Your Cat's Questions Day! What questions do you think your cat (or dog) wants to ask you?