5 Ways to Develop Your Child's Curiosity

From the meaning of words, to basic questions about daily life, to random and completely off-the-wall head-scratchers, we all know kids LOVE to ask questions. While at times the never-ending barrage of questions may verge on annoying, know that your children's curiosity is a blessing -- and represents an eager thirst for knowledge.

Children want to know. They long to understand. Your kids hold within their minds one of our most precious natural resources -- wonder. As parents, we need to saturate our child's world with wonder. Encourage them to question the world around them. Inspire their creativity with new experiences, children's literature, and engaging conversation. Curious children grow up to be innovators, entrepreneurs, and visionaries. Without curiosity there would be no new ideas.

Here are five simple ways to develop, cultivate, and encourage your children's sense of curiosity. (Because really, those ceaseless questions are a good thing!)

1. Ask Your Children a Variety of Questions
   Turn the tables, and ask your children a variety of questions. Aim for a balance of simple and complex questions. A simple question can be answered with one word. A complex question requires children to employ critical thinking and helps establish their opinions and ideas. Asking children questions develops reasoning, helps them find their voices, and increases their vocabulary. Additionally, asking questions can validate children's ideas and opinions. When children are asked to give an answer, they know that you value their thoughts.

2. Ask Your Children to Justify Their Answers
   When your children answer a question, encourage them to extend their answer with a justification. When your children state a preference, a feeling, a want, etc. -- ask them WHY, and encourage them to answer. Discourage answers like "just because," and try to help your children develop the practice of backing up their ideas with reasoning, facts, opinions, etc.

   Ask a few prompting questions, such as, "Why do you feel that way?" "What makes you think that?" "Why do you like that?" etc. When your children justify their answers, they are practicing skills they will need in nearly every core academic subject.

3. Wonder
   Set an example, and wonder aloud for your children. Say things like, "I wonder why the squirrels are up in that tree", "I wonder what we will see at the museum?", or "I wonder what will happen next in the story." Wondering helps children realize that learning is ACTIVE. When we engage the mind with activities like wondering, we are constantly learning, thinking, creating new ideas, etc. Wondering prevents the brain from growing idle.

Refer to http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-learning-toolkit/5-easy-ways-to-develop-your-childs-curiosity to find out about what to do if you don’t know the answer or when questions keep coming.
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Box Tops Collection Contest! With your help we were able to raise over $1200 for Nash! Three names were drawn randomly from all the entries. The winners of the Rainbow Looms are:

**Madyson Loberger**

**Jack Finley**

**Ayden Kochersperger**

Congratulations! You will receive your looms during the first week of March. We will run another collection contest starting at the end of April. We will be awarding five $10 Urban Culture gift cards. Thanks again for your participation and keep on clipping!

Questions? Contact Carla Wilson at nwilson21@wi.rr.com

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**Birthday Book Club**

The Nash PTA is excited to bring back the Birthday Book Club! The Birthday Book club is a great opportunity to help out our school library and at the same time honor the birthday of your child (or any other occasion). It’s simple! Purchase and new hardcover book at your favorite book store or during the Scholastic Book Fair and deliver it to the librarian. Please be sure to include the form that will be sent home. The book you donate will be identified with a label on the inside cover with your child’s name and birthday. They will be the first one to check the book out.

Questions? Contact the Birthday Book Club Chairperson, Tracy Brown at 412-8958 or chadandtracy1@gmail.com.
~Coming to you from their playground and their halls, the students of Nash speak out!

~Nash-tional News will be brought to you monthly bringing to you the latest news straight from the hearts and minds of our children.

~Each month will be new questions, different students, and new...news.

~Question of the month: Daylight Savings Time is coming! How would you like to spend your extra hour each day?

(Left) Meet Emily!!
~Emily is a sweet kindergartner
~When I asked Emily how she would like to spend an extra hour each day, she would play barbies
~Emily was a bit shy at first but when I asked who her favorite Barbie was she got a big smile on her face and said Ana from Frozen 😊

(Below) Meet Eli!!
~Eli is in the 2nd grade!
~When asked how Eli would like to spend his extra time each day, he said he would spend more time reading. Great answer Eli!
~I asked Eli what his favorite book is and without skipping a beat he knew right away that it was the ‘Magic Treehouse’. Great choice! Keep reading Eli!

(Right) Meet Ryan!!
~Ryan is a 2nd grader!
~If Ryan had an extra hour each day to spend how she’d like she would spend more time playing Mine Craft.
~Being that I haven’t played Mine Craft before, I asked Ryan what’s the best part about Mine Craft. She smiled and said everything! 😊

(Above) Meet Donavin!!
~Donavin is in the 3rd grade!
~When Donavin gets his extra hour each day, he would like to spend the time having a longer recess so he can slide down the snow hills with his friends.
~Donavin said he would also like to go bungee jumping! He’s a brave boy!
Milk Top Collections

Prairie farms milk caps can be donated to our school. Look for both plain and flavored milk, gallon and half gallon sizes. Each cap earns our school 5 cents!

Also remember to send in all Milk Moola milk tops, caps and labels from ‘Natures Touch’, ‘Kwik Quenchers’, and ‘Glazers’ Donuts. These can all be found at all Kwik Trip stores. Be sure to family and friends for help! Any questions, please contact Lesa Vijesurier @ lesa_vijesurier@yahoo.com

My Coke Rewards

Grab your favorite Coca-Cola beverages and get My Coke Rewards codes. Codes can be found on 14 Coca-Cola brands: Coca-Cola, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite, DASANI, POWERADE, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq’s, Fresca, Pibb, Mello Yello, FUZE and Seagram’s.

Where to find codes: *Under caps *Inside tear-off on 12-pks *On multi-pack wraps

Any questions? Email Lesa Vijesurier at: lesa_vijesurier@yahoo.com

DON’T FORGET NASH ALSO COLLECTS SODA CAN RING PULL TABS!!

These are being donated to support the Ronald McDonald Charities. The money they bring in will help support families and pay for accommodations at the Ronald McDonald homes while their loved ones are receiving treatment. It also helps fund the building of additional homes. Please help Nash support this fantastic and much needed organization. It is something that requires such little effort and makes such a big difference. Collection tub is located outside the office. For more info visit http://www.rmhckc.org
...Is Looking for Volunteers!

You don’t have to know how to carve a statue from wood...

...You don’t have to have traveled the world

You just need to be a kind heart willing to show the families and children a great time!

March 28th is approaching fast!

If you are interested in helping at any booths at the Enrichment Fair, please contact:

Pam Metzger at exsar98@yahoo.com or pmetzger@kusd.edu

In the meantime, save that date from 6-9pm and prepare to enrich your lives as you learn new talents, see and taste new things and have a great night of family fun!
OUT TO EAT EVENT

Due to our last Eat Out Event clashing with Mother Nature’s plans, Applebee’s will reschedule again for a date this month, stay tuned for details and flyer.

Applebee’s Restaurant

6950 75th St, Kenosha

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Family Reading Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Reading Night in February and braving the cold weather!!

"Save the Date!" Our next Family Reading Night will be a "Book Exchange!" Please join us on Thursday April 10th (6:00-7:30PM) in the Nash library.

You are invited to bring in two gently used books and in return you may pick out one book to take home! The extras will be donated to Nash classrooms or the Nash school library. We will have a teacher conduct story time, creative projects, free reading time (A/R quizzes), and several chances to win a raffle prize for your participation! On the way out, you will receive a snack and a Texas Roadhouse "free kid meal" book mark!
April newsletter

Have something you’d like to submit for the newsletter?
Submit to: ddaniel1978@gmail.com

March/April Calendar

March 7…………………………………………………………..Vegas Night @ Parkway Chateau @ 7p
March 14……………………………………………………….Family Fun Night @ Action Territory 4p-10p
March 15…………………………………………………………Mother/Son Outing: Tubing @ Wilmot Mountain 9a
March 24……………………………………………………………KUSD PTA Council Meeting @ ESC Building @ 6p
April 1………………………………………………………………PTA Meeting in Nash Library 6:30p

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Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month in the Nash Library at 6:30 P.M.
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