

Learning Story Prompts

Add a title and photos and choose two or three relevant sentence starters from each section.

Notice

What did I observe, and what stood out?

- I noticed the delight ...
- Your intense concentration captured my attention ...
- The sounds of laughter/blocks crashing ...
- I was surprised ...
- I watched as [children's names] engaged with you and ...
- Over the last week or two ...
- Congratulations, you did it! Did you ...
- I was curious to see ...
- This sparked my curiosity ...

Recognizing

The analysis of the learning

- This makes me think ...
- Could this be about ...
- I think you are exploring a theory or idea ...
- Your strength and expertise in/at ...
- Perhaps you were wondering about ...
- Your puzzled expression made me think ...
- Your big smile told me ...
- Your determined look ...
- I noticed your curiosity/persistence/courage/interest in/trust in/playfulness/ confidence/responsibility ...
- I observed you thinking together with your friends ...
- This is the first time ...
- Looking back over your past stories I see ...
- You are learning to ...
- Your disposition of ... has grown to include/has deepened/has broadened by ...
- You have extended your participation in/by ...
- Now you are taking more risks and have more confidence to ...
- You have broadened your interest by ...
- Your contribution to ... has been extended through/by ...
- You have an increased sense of belonging, shown by ...
- You have expanded your knowledge/skill in ...
- You are learning about ... through your exploration in/of ...
- You have understood the concept of ... through/by ...
- Your confidence in ... is increasing by ... because you can now ...
- I can see the progress you have made in/by... through ...
- I/we supported your learning by ...
- You set your own learning goal of ...

Responding

What possible pathways can this take?

- We will add/change/extend/investigate ... so that ... (explain why)
- I wonder if this is an opportunity to ...
- We will find out more about ...
- I wonder how you would respond if we changed ...
- In order to foster this learning disposition of ... we are going to ...
- I am going to make some time for you and I to revisit this story together. I'd like to know more about ...
- I'd like to record you telling me your thoughts about what happened in this story
- I need to find out if ... is something that is important to you
- What would you like to happen next?
- We will support you to work on your self chosen/family/ learning goal of ... by ...

The Family

Include multiple perspectives

What questions could you ask the child and the family to enhance your current understanding and knowledge of the child and their learning?

- How could you involve the family?
- What questions do you have about ...
- What insights can you share about ...
- I realize that I need to know more about ... can you share ...

