Have a conversation with your student – not “an interview”. Just sit and talk and see what comes out. Try to ask some open ended questions. You might even start with *“So how is school going for you this year?”* Use the time to get to know a bit about your student.

Here are some questions you might ask.

*How has school been for you this year?*

*What are you good at? (why?) What kinds of things are difficult for you?*

*Are there things that help you learn that I could help with?*

*What have you done this year you have been most interested in? (What made it so interesting?)*

*What could teachers do that would make learning interesting for you and others?*

*What are your favourite parts of your day? Why do you think it’s your favourite? What are you doing during those times?*

TOC’s: **Survey one entire class** – through discussion, writing or drawing exercise, a four square, webbing etc.

* Take note of which responses are from kids you might consider the outside pins.

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