“Creativity is
Intelligence having fun”
~ Albert Einstein

Did you know that creativity and critical thinking go together? That they can be 2 sides of the same coin: you can use creative thinking to come up with a range of ideas to solve a problem; then use critical thinking to judge them and evaluate which ones will work the best.

Last week a team of teachers from Granville East investigated the use of questioning in classrooms to deepen students’ creative and critical thinking. We found that questions are a powerful tool—questions asked by the teacher AND questions posed by students for each other. Sometimes a great question can create some wonderful thinking!!

Here are some great questions:

预计：Why do you think...?
预测：What might happen if...?
预测：In what ways do you disagree?
预测：What makes you say that?

Did you know that the number of questions you ask each day—actually peaked when you were 5 years old?! Then it declines until you retire.

Questions to Ask Your Child About School
By Bob Cunningham

When your child comes home on the first few days of school—or throughout the school year—you may have lots of questions for her. Here are some things to keep in mind when you’re talking to your child about school.

- Try to ask open-ended questions to keep a conversation going. If you ask your child questions that can be answered with one word (yes, no, a name), then you’ll probably get a one-word response.
- Often kids are not specific, so you have to ask for specific information when you want it.
- Starting with factual questions is a great way to ease into conversation. (“I know your class size is bigger this year than last year. What’s that like?”)
- Avoiding emotion-packed words (happy, sad, mean) can help the conversation go on longer.

Here are some great questions:

Avoid these Qs | Try these instead
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How was school? | What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?
Did you have fun at school? | What was the best thing you did at school?
Who did you sit with? | Tell me the names of 3 kids who sat near you.
Was your teacher nice? | What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today? What class rules did your teacher say were important?
Were the kids in your class nice? | Who did you enjoy talking to the most? Did anyone have anything fun or interesting to talk about?
Was the work hard? | What was the best thing your teacher asked you to do in ______ today?
Did you play with anyone at recess? | What were most kids doing at recess? What was the best game at recess?

Try some of these today!

Have you UPDATED our App???

You’ll only get access to current information if you UPDATE to the latest version. It’s FREE!

Just search the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store for “Granville East Public School” and download it.

Username: community
Password: granville

School Security
GEPS is a very safe place and our staff are vigilant about safety.

Gates are open between:
8:30—9:30am and 2:30—4pm

The Office Gate is open all day.

All visitors are required to sign-in at

Please check the lost property cupboard before the end of this term as any items not claimed will be donated to a charity.
I am using my writing skills to draft, edit and publish my first person blurb on my XO.

We are sharing our thoughts about how we can insert photos off our XO’s into our blurbs.

5/6J ARE LEARNING HOW TO USE XO’S!

This term we have been learning how we can use our brand new XO’s to build on our learning across all areas. So far, we have used our XO’s to publish blurbs in writing, enter data and create graphs on spread sheets in mathematics. We are also using our XO’s for our inquiry project that will be developed into a short film over terms 2 and 3.

We have been making good use of our technology time learning how to use our new XO’s and building on our tech skills with our learning buddies.

We have been learning how to interpret statistics. We analysed some data on the Splash ABC website and placed it into a spread sheet. We then created various graphs using the data.
GEPS READING CLUB

I am very excited to announce that the MULTIPURPOSE GEPS READING CLUB will be run for parents/caregivers and their children at school.

Time: 8.30am-8.55am

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Venue: In the school library.

The club aims to teach parents how to help their child read and promote reading at home. The program will help children not only to recognise correct spelling but also comprehend the story in different written texts including books, newspapers and magazines.

All children should be accompanied by their parents.

Spaces are limited so please RSVP by filling in the form below and handing it in to the school office soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Isabella Kim on Thursdays or email to me at tae.kim70@det.nsw.edu.au

GEPS READING CLUB

I would like to join in the GEPS Reading Club

Child’s name: _____________________           Your child’ class: _____________
Parent’s name: ____________________           Contact No: __________________
Do you need an interpreter?  Yes / No       If yes, what language?

“CHANGING LIVES KEEP YOUR BALANCE” PROGRAM

Program goals:

- Raise awareness of stress and how it can affect us.
- Validate our existing skills and resources in dealing with change and managing stress.
- Improve skills related to our social and emotional well being eg self esteem, communication and problem solving.

The program will be run every Thursday from 26th February until 26th March

9:15am to 10:30am

In Arabic

At Granville East Public School

Session 1: Stress—What is it?
Session 2: Dealing with stress
Session 3: Making changes
Session 4: Dealing with loss
Session 5: Women and stress
Session 6: Women and self esteem
Session 7: Being in control

الأخرين مع تصرفاتنا وعلى النفسية صحتنا على يعثر وكيف الإجهاد عن مناقشة

Please leave your details (Name and phone number) at the school office and Isabella Kim will contact you shortly to confirm your booking.

Program supported by Western Sydney Local Health District/Multicultural Health.