75 Questions to Ask Kids After School

** Warm-Up Questions ** What's something funny that happened today? Did anyone make you smile? What color was the teacher's shirt? What was the best thing you ate today? Did you use crayons, pencils, or markers more? ** Friends & Social Life ** Who did you play with at recess? Did you help someone today? Was anyone feeling left out? Who made you laugh the most today? If your class was a movie, what role would your best friend play? ** Academic Curiosity ** What was the most interesting thing you learned today? Did you do any science experiments? Did you read a cool story in class? What's one thing you think I don't know that you learned today? Did you have a test or quiz? ** Emotional Check-Ins ** Did anything frustrate you today? Were you nervous about anything? What made you feel proud? Did you miss me at all today? What's something you wish had gone differently? ** Creative & Reflective ** If you could rewrite one part of your day, what would it be? What would your perfect school day look like? If your teacher gave you a gold star today, what would it be for? What song would describe your mood after school? Did you make anything today? ** Lunch & Snack Time ** Who sat next to you at lunch? What did you like most in your lunchbox? Did anyone trade snacks today? Was there something new you tried? What's your dream school lunch? ** Recess & Movement ** What game did you play outside? Did you try something new at recess? Did you get any fresh air today? Who was the fastest runner? Did you have P.E. or gym class? ** Silly & Fun ** If your backpack could talk, what would it say about your day? If school was a zoo, what animal would your teacher be? What's one weird thing you noticed today? Who would win in a staring contest—your desk or your pencil? If your homework had a name, what would it be?

** Middle School-Tween ** What did you overhear that surprised you? If you could switch one class with a different subject, what would it be? What's one group project you're excited (or nervous) about? Did you witness kindness today? Is there anyone you wish you talked to more? ** Reflection Time ** What are you most grateful for today? What are you most looking forward to tomorrow? Was today a mountain (hard) or a valley (smooth)? What made your brain feel tired? What made your heart feel full? ** First Day of School ** What was your teacher's name again? Did anything surprise you today? What was the classroom like? Who did you sit beside? What are you most excited about this year? ** Last Day of School ** What's your favorite memory from this year? What did you learn that you're proud of? Who do you hope is in your class next year? What was your biggest challenge this year? What would you tell yourself on the first day if you could? ** Preschool & Kindergarten ** What color did you use in art class? Did you have circle time today? What song did you sing? Did anyone cry? Did you build something with blocks? ** Elementary (Ages 6-9) ** What was the hardest thing you did today? What book are you reading? What do you think your teacher liked about today? Who shared something cool in class? What do you want to be when you grow up (today)? ** Tweens (Ages 10-12) ** What did you learn about yourself today? How did you handle stress today? Is there anything you wish adults understood about school? What's something that inspired you today? What kind of day would your future self thank you for?