Frococos'S Fantastic Friendship Finder

BE AN ASKER OF THE QUESTIONS

One of the best ways to build friendships is to learn more about others. One of the ways we do this is by asking questions. We might discover that someone has interests that we share! We'll have lots to talk about! We might discover that someone has a unique interest that we know nothing about! We'll have a chance to learn more from them or about them! We'll never know unless we become ...

The 'Askers of the Questions'

Frococo's Fantastic Friendship Finder is a fun and easy way to learn more about others. All you'll need is your curious thinking mind, your activity sheet, a pencil, and 5 tokens. Here's what you can do!

- Pick up one of your tokens, and put it on one of the WH Question Squares on your activity sheet. Now ask your conversation partner a question starting with that word. For example, "Who is your best friend? What is your favorite thing to do on a rainy day? When is your favorite time of year? Where would you like to travel one day? Why would you like to go there?"
- Continue to ask your conversation partner questions until all of the tokens have been placed onto the WH Question Squares.
- 3. Now think about what you've learned.
 - Did you find that you and your conversation partner had a shared interest? If so, draw or write this information into Frococo's Shared Box on your activity sheet.
 - Did you find that your conversation partner had an interest on a topic that either you don't share or have little knowledge about? If so, draw or write this information into Frococo's Unique Box on your activity sheet.
 - Did you learn something new about your conversation partner that you didn't know before? If so, draw or write this information into Frococo's Something New Box on your activity sheet.
- 4. Now think about and explain how this information could help you build a friendship with your conversation partner!

ATTENTION CONVERSATION COACH:

- This activity can be introduced in Lesson Four.
- The children will use the activity sheet provided in the manual. The Conversation Coach will use the colored example, provided on the CMC game board, for teaching purposes.
- The Conversation Coach can help the children think of ways to remember relevant information from this activity for future conversations with their conversation partner. For example, this information might be added to the child's Topic Library for future reference.
- This activity might be modified to include specific goals. For example, the child might specifically focus on asking openended questions. The Conversation Coach might also expand the question forms to include the use of Special Questions.
- This activity is not intended to simulate a 'natural conversation.' It is an isolated exercise to help the children learn how to explore areas of shared/unique interests with their conversation partner(s). These interests can then be incorporated into structured conversations (i.e. playing the CMC game) or spontaneous conversations (i.e. during informal social interactions).

