

HOW TO CREATE TEACHABLE MOMENTS FOR KIDS

A teachable moment is an unplanned, or intentionally placed, learning opportunity. These can happen anywhere and at anytime. They provide parents, guardians, and teachers the chance to help children learn new concepts and deepen their understanding of previously acquired knowledge. This can also be very useful when considering the design process as students can be more informed as they develop future iterations.

Parents, guardians and teachers have learned to watch for these moments. They listen and pay close attention ready to pounce with questions or thoughtful discussion at any time. We can create these moments especially when kids are working on a project or doing their homework by asking open ended questions. More importantly we need to be ready to explain and discuss the 'why' behind the child's answer and encourage them to research and dig deeper. This 'why' is the key to creating the teachable moment to better decode the world they live in.

Sometimes these questions and discussions can lead to questions that adults can't answer and this is the golden opportunity to model how to learn instead of what to learn! When you don't have the answer it gives kids the chance to learn alongside you: "That's a great question! Let's look it up together!" This builds confidence because it's ok that we don't always have all the answers. More importantly, it gives kids the sense of pride to learn that we are all life-long-learners.

MAKE SOMEONE SMILE VIDEO CHALLENGE

TEACHABLE MOMENT QUESTIONS

Knowing that a movie requires a minimum of 5 photos, per second, how many photo will you need to created your 15 to 30 second video ?

Knowing that there are many ways to make people smile, what kind of video will you make? An animation of a joke, a funny situation, a representation of friendship, a compliment?

How many muscles do you use to make a smile?

What music can you add to enhance the action on your video?

What element will you add to create a digital product that is for a targeted audience?

What will be your bank of positive words?

Will you prepare a storyboard for your project?

Will you prepare a dialogue?

What are the benefits of laughing every day?

Which country uses the happiness index as an important measure?

Use a physical challenge to encourage people to move.

Add physical challenges for the letters of the alphabet in their first name.

What colors will you use to stimulate emotions?

In your montage, what kinds of shots will you do?

Use slow motion or fast motion to emphasize the emotions.

Who are the happiest people on earth? What do they do in particular?

