



Interests, Connections, Purpose

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Dear Teacher,

I am excited to introduce you to a wonderful resource designed to enhance our understanding of our students' interests. Enclosed with this letter is an interest survey tailored specifically for elementary students.

The primary purpose of this survey is to help you discover the interests of your students. Understanding what captivates and motivates them is fundamental to fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment.

Another important purpose is to uncover connections between students and even between you and your students! By identifying common interests, you can cultivate a sense of belonging within your classroom community, strengthening relationships and rapport.


Lastly, the information gathered through this survey can pave the path for meaningful and purposeful projects or enrichment clusters that engage students through their interests.

I hope this tool provides you with valuable insights into your students, enriching their experiences and educational journey.

Sincerely,

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Name: _____
Grade: _____
Age: _____

Dear Student,

The purpose of this survey is for you and your teacher to become familiar with your interests, which will lead to connections with others. No answer is the wrong answer, which is what makes this survey so great! It is also completely confidential, only your teacher will see it. However, you may wish to discuss with others afterwards, that is up to you!

Take your time to answer each question honestly, really think about what you enjoy and wish to focus on this year. The hope is that throughout the year, you will be able to engage in projects either individual or with others that involve your interests and strengths.

You should think about things that interest you now, but also what you would like to try if you had the opportunity to do so.

This survey is all about YOU! Please don't think about what others might be writing. Let this come from your heart, your interests and what you want to do.



If I were to make a YouTube video, it would be about...



A problem I wish I could solve is...



I've only tried it once or twice but I really enjoy...



I am the "go to" person when my friends need help with...



If I could meet any 3 people (past or present, famous or not) I would like to meet...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



If I could plan my own unit in school, it would be about...



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After school you can find me doing or you can find me at...

I made my own invention!

It is...

It does...



Most people don't know this about me, but I really enjoy...



If I were to write a book it would be about...

Genre:

Title:

About:



If I won first place in a talent show it would be for...



If I could have my own business, it would be...
(What is being sold? Is it a store? Service?)



| Activity | I ENJOY doing this and want to do it more... | I have tried this before and want to try it again... | I have NOT tried this, but I am interested in trying it! | I have tried this before but it wasn't my favourite... | I am NOT interested in trying this... |
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| Painting or drawing  | | | | | |
| Planting a garden  | | | | | |
| Helping animals  | | | | | |
| Building with legos  | | | | | |
| Learning Robotics  | | | | | |
| Learning to code  | | | | | |
| Playing sports  | | | | | |
| Play an instrument or sing  | | | | | |
| Photography  | | | | | |
| Creating comics  | | | | | |
| Going to a play or musical  | | | | | |
| Figuring out puzzles (jigsaw etc.)  | | | | | |
| Cooking or baking  | | | | | |
| Doing science experiments  | | | | | |
| Creating jewelry or clothes  | | | | | |
| Helping the environment  | | | | | |
| Playing maths games  | | | | | |
| Read or watch the news  | | | | | |
| Learning another language  | | | | | |
| Learning about cultures or places  | | | | | |
| Creating a fitness routine  | | | | | |