

# 7 TIPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF INTERACTIONS IN YOUR CLASSROOM

## 01

Plan activities where children have opportunities to classify and compare. For example, ask students the similarities and differences between lions and tigers

## 02

Carve out a chunk of your classroom and allow your students to decide how the space should be used. You can even let your students choose a classroom theme. When students feel like they are valued decision makers in the classroom, they take pride in the space and are more conscientious of the room and of the materials they use. It creates an environment that says, “This is our class” versus, “This is my class.”

## 03

Provide students many opportunities to evaluate their own work and thinking. Remind students of the various approaches that could be used to solve a problem and then ask students to plan how they are going to approach the problem.

## 04

During group work, allow students to move around the classroom, gather supplies and materials, and rearrange desks. This gives students more opportunity for autonomy in their learning and environment.

## 05

During peer conflict, discuss children’s behavior with peers and work through conflict with the children instead of solving the problem for the children.

## 06

While children are eating lunch, (depending on their age and readiness levels), either put index cards with conversation starters (open-ended questions) on the tables.

## 07

Provide choice and encourage exploration around the classroom. Watch children and read their cues for what they are interested in.