

prompts that invite discourse + elevate thinking

“It is not a matter of you just saying 'here it is...I know it.' The goal is to explain it to someone who may not know.”

“Who can explain what she just said? How did she think about that?”

“If someone is sharing their thinking, then you have an opportunity to learn.

You are not just waiting for this to be over; instead, you are following the thinking of everyone.”

“Do you agree?”

And who disagrees?

If you agree (or disagree) and can explain your reasoning...?”

“I’m going to wait because some people are not with us, and you are giving excellent information. We must listen to everyone in our community, not just the teacher.”

“Look around — there are several people who don’t know that so you are going to help them understand so be very intentional with your explanation.”

“Can you say that one more time? That was such excellent thinking, and we want to make sure that everyone can learn from your thinking.”

