

# Circle Prompts for Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

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## COMMUNITY BUILDING CIRCLES

### Questions for Getting Acquainted <sup>1</sup>

If you could be a superhero, which superpower would you choose and why?

If you were an animal, what type would you be and why?

### Getting Acquainted <sup>2, p. 70</sup>

What is the silliest thing that ever happened to you?

What is the best thing that happened to you this past week?

What was the hardest thing that happened to you this week?

### Getting Acquainted <sup>3</sup>

I like to collect...

What is your favorite place in the world? Why?

Something I am looking forward to (this weekend, this school year, this Christmas/New Year)

### Favorites <sup>4, p. 4</sup>

My favorite TV program is...

My favorite book is...

My favorite computer game/video game is...

My favorite food is...

My favorite meal is...

My favorite time of the year is...

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<sup>2</sup>, p. 70

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<sup>4</sup> p. 4

My favorite person in my family is...

My favorite time at school is...

My favorite things to do with my friends is...

My favorite toy is...

My favorite place in my house is...

My favorite place to go is...

My favorite type of weather is...

My favorite thing to wear is...

### **Values**<sup>3</sup>

What is something that you are thankful for?

Talk about something that you want and something that you need. What is the difference?

### **Self-Awareness/Self-Knowledge**<sup>4, p. 3</sup>

One way I am different from other students is...

One way I am the same as other students is...

Someone I hope to be like ... (because)...

A time I was brave was...

I worry about ...

If I was President of the United States, I would...

If I could make changes in this world, I would...

Something that makes me sad/happy/angry is...

Something I think is good about being a boy or girl is...

Something I would like to do again is...

Something I will never do again is...

When kids make mistakes, teachers should...

### **Personal Skills**<sup>4, p. 5</sup>

At home I am good at...

In school I am good at...

I like doing...

At home, I am not very good at...

At school I am not very good at...

I dislike doing...

Something I like doing but am not very good at is...

Something I had to work hard to learn was...

### **Feelings**<sup>4, p. 4</sup>

Something I am proud of...

Today I feel...

I feel ...about myself.

I feel ...about circles.

I feel good about...

I feel bad about...

A time I felt afraid was... and it was fun.

A time I felt afraid was... and it was not fun.

When I first came to this school, I felt...

I feel lonely when...

...makes me feel happy/sad/pleased/helpless/or angry.

If I make a mistake, I feel...

### **Family**<sup>4, p. 2</sup>

The way I show my family I'm angry is...

Something I admire about one of my parent(s)/guardian(s)...

A good time I had with my family was...

The thing that annoys me most about my sibling(s) is...

Something I count on from my family for is...

Something I would miss about my sibling is...

### **Friends** <sup>4, p. 1</sup>

A friend is...

A quality I look for in a friend is...

Something I like to do with a group of friends is...

Something I like to do with my best friend is...

The sort of people I like best are...

I laugh with my friends about...

Something my friends do that makes me laugh is...

I feel let down by friends when ...

The most difficult thing about making a new friend is...

In the past, a time I felt left out was...

In the past I have left someone out by...

### **Community** <sup>4, p. 2</sup>

The person I most admire in school is...

At home the sort of person I am is...

With my friends, the sort of person I am is...

With teachers, the sort of person I am is...

I wish teachers would...

The best thing about where I live is...

The worst thing about where I live is...

### **Wishes** <sup>4, p. 3</sup>

I wish I could...

If I had three wishes...

A hobby I wish I could do is...

A sport I wish I could do is...

A place I wish I could visit is...

Something I wish I could do is...

Something I wish for my family is...

Something I wish for my class is...

Something I wish for my school is...

I wish my parents would let me...

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