

# A Window Into Way

Making Our Thinking Visible

“Finding Our Direction” - Embracing new situations can often present mixed emotions. The Compass Points thinking routine was used early in September to invite and acknowledge all of these feelings. First graders shared what they were worried about, what excited them, what they needed to know, and what suggestions they had for an amazing year. Making our feelings and thoughts visible allowed us to consider others’ viewpoints, alleviate some worries, and develop a caring and safe classroom culture in which everyone’s thinking was made visible and valued.



**N=** What do you need to know about first grade?

Do we pick 2 books in library? Bella	Why do we have to learn? Eloise	How many Snacks do we have? Lucia	How many books do you have? Jillian	Why do you have a clip in your hair? Liliana	Why do we need to go to 1st grade? Amelia
What time do we get out of school? Alise					Do we learn times? Hasan
What will we do tomorrow? Addie	Why do we need headphones? Lorna	Why do you need ears? Aamir	How will our parents know what is for lunch? Lee	Is it going to be hard? Natalie	How much math will we learn? Asher

**S=** What suggestions do you have to make our year wonderful?

Making new friends Jayvin Respect everybody. Addison	To be good to make it a better year. Lorna	Be nice to each other. Asher	By listening to the teacher. Amelia	Sharing. Alise
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**E=** What excites you about first grade?

Be at same the school as my brother. Lorna	To see my friends. Natalie	Everybody knows me and they won't be mean. Lauraaga	To do the activities. Addie
To check out 2 books. Bella	To get homework. Lucia	Getting a new teacher. Amelia	Seeing my friends. Liliana

Meet new friends.  
Eloise

For 4th grade.  
Aamir

**W=** What are you worried about for first grade?

I worry I will mess up. Bella	I worry I will get hurt at recess. Addie	I worry things will be too hard. Lorna	I'm going to be sick. Lee
It might be a little hard or a little easy. Aamir			
It will be too easy. Carson	I might not see my friends all the time. Lorna	I won't make friends. Lucia	I was worried I wouldn't know anyone. Liliana
I'll get a lot of homework. Addie	Mom or dad won't pick me up. Asher	I'll miss my parents. Max	I might get sent to principal's office. Natalie