Conversation Starters — Mentor/Mentee			
I know that your name isdo you have a nick name or a name you prefer to be called?			
How did you get that nickname?			
What type of things do you do with your brothers and sisters?			
What are the ages of your brothers and sisters?			
Does your family include pets?			
What are their names?			
What do you like to do after school with your friends?			
What is your favorite book; movie; video game; sport, etc.?			
Why do you like that book, movie, etc.			
What are your plans after high school?			
What do you like to do after school with your friends?			
Allow the Mentee to ask you the same questions and include where you work and what you do.			

Make sure you tell the Mentee the first day:

Why you are there (to be a friend).

Why you decided to become a mentor

When you will visit next and how you will contact the mentee if you are unable to come.

Conversation Starters — Mentor/Mentee			
What are the top 3 things you like to do?			
Mine are			
Tell me why those things are your favorite.			
My favorite color is			
What is yours?			
What is special about that color? What does it remind you of? Mine reminds me of			
If you could travel anywhere in the world,			
where would you choose to go?			
What has been your favorite trip so far?			
Tell me what made it special for you.			
What is your favorite food?			
Mine is			
Tell me about your all time favorite movie.			
What is your favorite scene from the movie?			

What is your favorite thing to do?
What is your least favorite? Tell me why you like to do
Tell me about school, what do you like?
What are some things you would like to change about school if you could?

Conversation Starters — Mentor/Mentee			
Tell me about the places you have lived until now.			
Describe your favorite place.			
What do you like about where you live now?			
Tell me what you like about being the age you are now?			
Tell me about something that you are good at doing?			
What is something you would like to learn or learn to do better?			
If you had lots of money how would you choose to help others?			
What would you do for yourself? Your family?			



Conversation Starter: Squares Game

Cut out and fold the following squares and put them into a hat or bowl. Take turns picking a square and answering the question, or both of you can answer the question. Use the answers as conversation starters. You can also add additional squares that have symbols for activities you'd like to do (for example, a dancing person to symbolize that pulling that card means doing your favorite dance move)

Tell me about your favorite teacher	Talk about a time when you laughed so hard you thought you couldn't stop	If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
Who is your favorite person that you know and why?	What hidden talent do you have?	What is one thing that you like about yourself?
If you could describe the best day ever, what would it be like?	Do you have a favorite famous person? If so, who is it and why?	What is your biggest dream? What is the first step you can take toward achieving it?
What is a subject or topic that isn't taught in your school, but one you would really like to learn about?	What is one thing that brings you joy?	What do you do when you're mad?
What are you most proud of?	What do you want to be when you grow up?	What's one goal you have for this year?