



**Questions for Scott Parazynski  
Received from Challenger Learning Centers**

**Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Montford Middle School**

Teacher: Beth Petty  
Sixth grade students

Our class has been learning about the Earth's atmosphere. We learned that in the Troposphere temperatures drop about 6.5 degrees Celsius with every kilometer in altitude climbed.

- How did you cope with the temperature drop?
- Did you have to add clothing for warmth as you got higher on the mountain or was it not an issue?

**Challenger Learning Center for Science & Technology  
Woodstock, Illinois**

**Foundations Montessori School**

Algonquin, IL 60102  
Teacher: Sue Baroni

- Sergio: Was it hard to climb Mt. Everest?
- Jeremy: What is the highest point you reached?
- Rana: Why did you climb Mt. Everest?
- Alexa: Where did you sleep?
- Foster: What food did you pack?
- Kaylie: What supplies did you use?
- Mia: How did you get water?
- Nathan: What was harder, climbing the mountain or being an astronaut?
- Stephanie: What wildlife did you see?
- Alicia: How did you get shelter?

**McKinley Middle School**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403  
Teacher: Barb Rhame

- Oliver H.: What is the scariest thing you have ever done?
- Jaidin: How are mountain climbing and going into space similar?
- Cassiopeia: When looking down, is the height of the mountain not as cool since you have been to space?

- Jacob C: What is the worst part about being in space? Can you see the Great Wall of China from space?
- Maddie G: What do you do if your rope holding you to the craft brakes, how do you get back?
- Barb Rhame (Teacher): Which was more awesome, being on top of the world or being out of this world?

**Challenger Learning Center of Manhattan, NY  
NYC Center for Space Science Education**

**Public School 110, NYC, NY**

Teacher: Sam Doctor, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Yasnil

- Do you have fun being an astronaut?
- What is your favorite thing to do in space?
- Where have you been in space? Which is your favorite?

Kayla

- Did anything ever go wrong on a space mission?
- Has anything gone wrong on your climb on Mt. Everest?
- Is it fun to test things that have never been tested before?

Avery

- Why are you climbing Mt. Everest?
- Is it cold up there?
- Are you sick of it?

Alex

- What kind of information are you finding out?
- Is it hard to climb a mountain?
- Are you getting frost bite?

Michael

- How does it feel to be an astronaut or mountain climber?
- Is it scary to climb the mountain?
- Have you ever been on top of a mountain before? If so, which ones?
- Do you have AIM?

Kathleen

- What are your two children's names?
- Do you sometimes get confuse of what you're doing?
- When you get back, can you mail us an autograph?

Marquise

- What is it like to be on top of the mountain?
- What is it like to be in space?
- What is it like to have these adventures?
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Jared

- What do you do in space?

- What's more fun: going into space, climbing Mt. Everest, or competing in lounge?
- How long do you think you will be on Mt. Everest?

Krista

- Do you like going to space? Why?
- Why did you choose to become an astronaut?
- What is your job in space?

Questions from Group Discussion

- How cold is it on Mt. Everest? In space?
- Do you need special breathing equipment on the mountain like you do in space?
- Is training for space like training for Mt. Everest? How do you prepare yourself?
- Is communicating from Mt. Everest like communicating from space? Do you use the same kind of equipment?
- Do you work alone or in a team on the mountain? In space?
- Climbing Mt. Everest, going into space, and competing in lounge are all dangerous things to do. Why do you do it?
- Was it hard to become an astronaut? Do you have to be a rocket scientist?
- Why are you doing an iChat?
- Why did you decide to be an astronaut?
- How long have you been an astronaut?
- Why did you climb Mt. Everest?
- How long did it take to get to the top of Mt. Everest?