

Assessment Success

How Teachers Can Get Family Support

- Let families know when assessments are scheduled. Give them an assessment calendar, as well as reminders.
- Explain to families what the assessments are, how important they are, and how they will be used. Write a letter, send an email, visit with them at conferences or have an 'Assessment Night' at school.
- Communicate the importance of their student's attendance and of being on time.
- Have test pep rallies and invite families to attend.
- Ask families to contribute/ donate healthy snacks.
- Distribute the *Top 5 Tips: Assessment Success: What Families Can Do to Help* flyer.
- Project calm confidence to families and students. (Creating a high stakes, high anxiety environment could make some students perform poorly.)
- Routinely enlist families' help by sending home learning games and homework assignments that reinforce targeted skills.
- Thank families after each assessment for their efforts in supporting their child, you, and the school.
- Clearly and honestly share assessment results with families. Point out each student's strengths and share strategies that will target weak areas.

