



## ***Home Visit Cheat Sheet***

- 1.** The home visit should last between 20 – 40 minutes.
- 2.** Bring something to leave with the family that will support the student's success. (Some schools have made gift bags with paper, pencils, crayons, etc.)
- 3.** When you enter the home, don't look nervous or uncomfortable. Your actions during the first five minutes will make or break the visit. (Always start the visit by finding something positive to say about the home.)
- 4.** State the purpose of the visit. Ensure the parent that you are here to build a relationship with the family and support the success of their child.
- 5.** Ask the parent if they have any questions about the school or what their child is learning.
- 6.** Close the visit by letting the parent know that he/she can contact you if there are issues or concerns relating their child. (Give contact information and best times to reach you.)
- 7.** Thank the parent for opening their home to you and let them know you are looking forward to partnering with them to support their child's success.
- 8.** After the visit send a hand written thank you card to the parent via U.S. mail. This further demonstrates your commitment to partnership and completes the process.