

THE PERSON WHO IS WEARING THE BRIGHTEST COLORS BEGINS READING ALOUD FOR THE GROUP. Thank you.

Activity Center 3: Homework Packets: Putting the *home* in *homework*

<http://www.joanwink.com/charts/cummin.pdf>

Other homework packets are available at www.JoanWink.com; click on Free To A Good Home on the left; scroll down. Help yourself.

Making Meaning/Contextualization (MM or CTX)

Contextualize Teaching and Curriculum in the Experiences and Skills of Students Homes and Communities

The Teacher:

- begins with what students already know by emphasizing local norms and knowledge
- assists students in connecting and applying their learning to home and community
- provides opportunities for parents to participate
- varies activities to involve students' learning preferences

Homework packets: The purpose of these homework packets is to involve the parents' and the students' experiences in the curriculum of the classroom.

15 minute activity

As a group look at and discuss the various activities provided on the left side of this folder. How could you adapt them to meet the needs of your students?

The *task*: Look specifically at Homework Packet #6, the first activity. Working individually, each of you draw one comic strip of something funny that happened this week in your own home. Use words and pictures. Leave each transparency in the folder.