

# Open House Activities

## Reflective Invitations

Jazz up your open-house invitations this year. Supply each student with a piece of 9" x 12" construction paper, a 4" x 4" square of aluminum foil, glue, and markers. Direct each student to fold his paper in half like a card. Tell the student to glue the square of aluminum foil to the front of the card and draw a decorative frame around it. Then have the student write "We want you..." below the frame. On the inside of the card, have the student finish the sentence with "to attend open house." Instruct the student to also include important details such as date, time, and place. These unique cards will reflect your desire and your students' desire to have parents attend this important beginning-of-the-year event.

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## Parent Pop Quiz

Surprise parents with a pop quiz at open house. Supply each student with one 9" x 12" sheet of construction paper, old magazines and newspapers, glue, and scissors. Then have each student scour the magazines and newspapers for pictures and words that describe her personality. Direct the student to cut out the pictures and words, and then create a collage by gluing them to her sheet of construction paper. Instruct the student not to put her name on the collage. On the day of open house, have each student tape her collage to the top of her desk before leaving for the day. As each parent enters the classroom, tell him that he must find his child's seat by identifying which collage represents his child's personality. Post a seating chart in the front of the room so each parent can quickly check if he has located the correct desk. Parents will enjoy this little pop quiz on their children's personalities.

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