

## Test Taking Vocabulary Word of the Week

The vocabulary word and definition can be found on the back of this handout. You may want to post it in your room to refer to and to review with.

ESTIMATE: educated guess

### Examples to Share with Your Class:

1. It is difficult to *estimate* how much money is in a bank.
2. Our class *estimated* the weight of an elephant when we went on a field trip to the zoo.
3. Tom *estimated* he had won the race by three seconds.
4. Can you *estimate* how far you walk to school?
5. When our class cleaned up the schoolyard we *estimated* that we could fill three garbage bags.
6. Mom *estimates* that I have grown two inches since Christmas.
7. The builders *estimated* the new part of our school would be finished by November.
8. The kids in the neighborhood set up a lemonade stand and *estimated* they would each make five dollars.

### Teaching Ideas:

1. Have your students *estimate* how many steps it will take to get to the lunchroom, library and office. Tally their estimates and then take a walk to find out.
2. *Estimate* first and then measure the length of students' arms, feet, fingers, height, and circumference of their head or neck. Compare the estimate with the real measurement. You can measure in standard or metric or *even both*. (cloth measuring tapes can be found in the science lab)
3. There will be a jar of cheese balls passed from class to class so that each class can come up with one *estimate* of the number of cheese balls inside. Use this opportunity to talk about estimation strategies, rather than just guesses. Teachers please email your class estimate to Casey. Pass the jar to next person on the list in a timely manner.

Synonyms- appraisal, approximate, calculates, consider, value, rate, believe

