

## Val Verde Unified School District

# STAR Testing Information

Hello:

We want to thank all of our parents for being so involved in the educational careers of their children. There has been tremendous interest regarding how parents can help their children prepare for the California Standards Test (CST). One of the best things you can do is to review the CST Release Test Questions (RTQs) from previous years. These are available to the public through the California Department of Education website. Take a little time each evening to review and discuss a few of the questions. In addition, please make sure your child is reading every day. Much of the test involves sustained reading and reading comprehension.

Here is a direct link to the RTQs: <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>>. Simply click on the appropriate grade level and content area (i.e., language arts, math, science) to view questions which appeared on previous versions of the CST.

If you have any further questions regarding the STAR testing program, strategies to improve achievement, or the proper use of RTQs, please contact your child's teacher and/or the STAR test coordinator at your child's school.

Once again, thank you for being involved in your child's academic success!

