Admit Cards

This strategy is used to assess prior knowledge before a lesson, unit or area of study or to find out what students learned/remembered from previous lessons. It can also be a great tool for homework review. Admit cards are typically used at the beginning of the day or class period.

- Use to pre-assess prior to new learning or assess previous lessons. Admit cards are a formative assessment tool that is quick and easy.
- Prompts can be written on the cards or on the board.
- Questions can be about homework to find out if students practiced at home. Instead of collecting and scoring homework, these questions can be used to determine understanding of the content. (ex. a few key math problems, some tricky spelling words, explanation of a science or social studies concept)
- Can be used for "bell work"

Exit Card/Ticket out the Door

This is an effective strategy to help students synthesize what they have learned and to inform the teacher about how well they processed what they have learned. Exit tickets are used at the end of the day or class period.

- Given to students at the end of a lesson, class period or end of the day as their "pass" to leave the classroom.
- Allows the teacher to quickly review the cards to evaluate if the students learned the knowledge or skills being taught.
- A formative assessment tool that can be used to plan instruction (reteaching, small group instruction, next lessons needed).