

## Involving Parents

There are many opportunities to get parents involved. Consider these ideas:

- Send a letter to parents when you first start using the MathsFacts in a Flash software to explain the program and its purpose.
- Make MathsFacts in a Flash available during parent-teacher discussions or during a Parents Consultation Evening so parents can explore the software.
- Send home the TOPS and Parent Reports regularly to inform parents of their child's progress. The Parent Report lists the levels an individual student has mastered.
- Print flash cards and worksheets provided in the MathsFacts in a Flash software to send home with students.

### **Renaissance Home Connect™**

Parents and students can access MathsFacts in a Flash at home, through Renaissance Home Connect. An Informational Letter for parents is available on the Renaissance Place™ Home page under the Renaissance Home Connect tab. This letter provides log-in details and general information about Renaissance Home Connect.

Students can practise or test at any MathsFacts in a Flash level when using Renaissance Home Connect. Therefore, you may want to establish a system so students and parents know which levels would be most appropriate to practise or test on at home. If students meet the mastery criteria for a level when testing at home, it will not count as a mastered level at school. Students must re-test at school for the level to be counted as mastered. This allows you to monitor students when they test. Data from student practice through Renaissance Home Connect is automatically updated to a separate section in MathsFacts in a Flash reports at school.

In addition to viewing their child's overall progress in MathsFacts in a Flash, parents can also view the results of their child's last session at school and a summary of all levels mastered. Parents can access *The MathsFacts in a Flash Parent's Guide* directly from Renaissance Home Connect.