## Thinking Maps: Home & School Connection



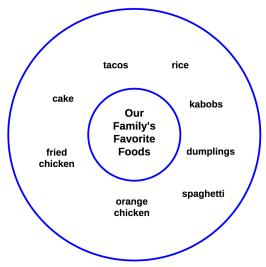
## **Circle Map**

Defining/Brainstorming

Your child has been introduced to the Circle Map this week in their classroom. Ask your child to share what they know about Circle Maps with you. Then, take a few minutes to engage in a family activity that will reinforce this type of thinking and learning for your child at home.

The Circle Map can be used for both defining and brainstorming. Both thought processes are represented with a visual that encourages wide-open thinking that gives students the space to "tell everything you know."

Below is an example of a Circle Map, where a family brainstormed all of their favorite foods. You might use this when deciding what to have for a meal.



## Other ideas for using the Circle Map:

- · Family activities
- Books we read
- Possible family pets
- Possible family vacations
- All of the people in our family

With your family, create a Circle Map in the space below. You may select any topic for the center.

NAME:

