

Harrison Happenings
September 15, 2008

Grade Level Morning Meetings

Has your child come home and told you about the grade level morning meetings that started last week? If not, don't despair. Grade Level meetings are held in the gym on a given day specific to a given grade level. These meetings are identical in format to the classroom morning meeting which involves a greeting, sharing, activity and news & announcements. Mr. Parkhurst has been leading them with assistance from Mrs. Appi who will begin to do one grade level meeting a week later this month. Last week we read a story entitled, ***Salt in His Shoes***. This inspiration picture book helped start a discussion about what it means to have hopes and dreams. Talk to your child about their hopes and dreams for this school year. Encourage your child to share with you what they learned about some of our staff members from our **Can You Guess?** activity.

Everyday Math

Your child has started math instruction in the program used within the North Branford Public Schools entitled, **Everyday Math**. This program is a spiraling program meaning that the concepts and skills are repeated several times both within the grade and beyond. This means that there are times when your child might just simply be exposed to a concept but rest assured that the program spirals around to help your child learn and master the concept later on. More information on this program will be shared at Back to School Night. In the meantime, please try to play some board games at home that reinforce math skills. Here are some ideas for you:

- **Counting, Adding, Subtracting**
 - Chutes & Ladders, Hi Ho Cherry O!, Sorry, Trouble, Uno
- **Strategy**
 - Battleship, Checkers, Clue Jr., Connect Four, Memory
- **Patterns & Geometry**
 - Crazy Eights, Guess Who, Jigsaw Puzzles

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Back to School Night
, Tuesday, September 16 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Grade 2 & Grade 3 Back to School Night
Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 6:45 pm