HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO:

6th Grade Advisory Teachers

Date: October 22, 2010

FROM:

Greg Miller

Assistant Principal

SUBJECT:

MATH FACT BOOT CAMP

Wednesday in Advisory, you will test all of your students on addition, subtraction, and multiplication using one-minute assessments. Rosters and sets of assessments will be placed in your box Wednesday morning. Those students who are absent Wednesday should make up their assessments on Thursday. I suggest you pass out one assessment at a time, allow the students one minute to complete as many problems as they can, and have students quickly correct one another's assessments. Do this for each of the three assessments. Please designate on the roster those students who have two or more questions incorrect or blank. On the roster please indicate which operation(s) they did not pass by writing A (addition), S (subtraction) or M (multiplication) next to the student's name. Also indicate if a student was absent both days. Please send rosters to the Main Office at the end of Advisory on Thursday, October 28.

Students who do not pass one or more of the assessments will be a part of our Math Fact Boot Camp (MFBC). MFBC is an opportunity for students to master basic math facts without taking time from their classes. Beginning November 1, those students assigned to MFBC will report to the MPR first thing every morning. They should not go to Advisory. You should mark them present and we will take care of their attendance in ISIS.

In the MPR, students will be paired off and work with each other using flashcards on the operation – adding, subtracting, or multiplying – that they have yet to master. Students will be quizzed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Once a student has passed a skills assessment, they move on to the next operation. Once students have passed all three operations, they permanently return to their Advisory. MFBC will run for 6 weeks until Winter Break.

Approved: N. Siegel