

**Dear Families,**

We want to share with you about **Morning Meeting**, a special part of your child's school day that provides a safe and predictable space for students to grow and connect socially, emotionally, and academically. Morning Meeting is a key way we build a strong classroom community and support students as they navigate the school year.

### **What is Morning Meeting?**

Morning Meeting is a consistent, daily routine where students and teachers come together to greet one another, share experiences, and practice important social and emotional skills. It helps set a positive tone for learning by creating a climate of respect, trust, and fun. Our routines are based on the [Responsive Classroom](#) Morning Meeting practices. Morning Meeting may include activities like partner sharing, greetings, and group messages. Teachers create opportunities for students to engage with classmates and move around the room.

### **Goals of Morning Meeting:**

In the first weeks of school, Morning Meeting helps your child:

- Feel safe and know what to expect each day
- Build a sense of belonging and importance in the classroom
- Share and connect with classmates to create a welcoming environment

As the year continues, Morning Meeting focuses on:

- Strengthening friendships and trust among students
- Continuing to nurture a positive and supportive classroom community

### **Practices Included in Morning Meeting:**

- Teachers and students greet each other by name and make sure everyone feels seen & heard.
- We understand that starting a new school year can bring many emotions. Morning Meeting is a time to acknowledge those feelings while also helping students focus on joy and connection.
- This time is focused on building community, so conversations are guided to promote a positive and supportive environment.
- Students will participate at different levels at first, and that's okay. Teachers support each child to engage in ways that feel comfortable for them.

### **What You Can Do at Home:**

- Ask your child about their Morning Meeting and what they enjoyed or learned.
- Encourage your child to talk about their friendships and feelings.

Thank you for your partnership in creating a welcoming & caring environment where your child can thrive!

Warmly,  
The Junior High Teachers