

Having Fun with Math at Home and at School

Westwood Elementary Home and School Association

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The Westwood Home and School Association held an evening to provide parents with guidance for math homework and with activities for parents and children to play at home:

- ✚ **Supporting Children in Mathematics** - presented by Elementary Math and Science Specialist, Ted Johnston to parents. After the presentation, parents and children learned how to play Crazy Eights with assistance from Home and School representatives and teachers. The families were sent home with a booklet containing original short stories about math and puzzle that parents and their children could do together at home.

The project benefitted:

- ✚ **PARENTS** who were made aware of the math curriculum and were given resources to help develop their children's math skills through play.
- ✚ **STUDENTS** who will have more knowledgeable parental assistance from home. They will benefit from the knowledge acquired through play.

The booklet can be accessed:

<http://westwoodhsa.wikispaces.com/file/detail/Math%20Booklet.pdf>

To print as a booklet on both sides of a foldable letter size page that you can fold

<http://westwoodhsa.wikispaces.com/file/view/Math%20Booklet%20Print.pdf/412624180/Math%20Booklet%20Print.pdf>

How were the parents encouraged to attend?

- ✚ To create interest and, an invitation card was specially designed, which included a picture of Westy Westwood's school mascot, and provided details about the session mentioning the booklet and a picture of the playing cards that were given as a free gift. (To see the invitation: <http://westwoodhsa.wikispaces.com/Having+Fun+with+Math>)