



Sharon Perko, right, talks with Siobhan Classen.



Sara Hamrick, left, and Natasha Rice share a light moment during get acquainted session.

Buddy Program Inspires, Challenges

Making some new young friends has become a routine for about 30 Adams-Millis in

recent weeks. They are participating in the "buddy program" with Northeast Middle

School in High Point.

"It really is a good program," said Linda Jones, who works at Silver Knit. "Many students today are begging for someone to talk to and we can be good listeners and help them to handle some of their problems."

Jones said her buddy has become much more talkative as the two have gotten to know each other better.

"She's really appreciative of whatever I do for her," Jones added. "I hope I'm helping her. She knows she can call on me if she needs me."

Martha Parnell said she's helping her buddy to adjust to a new location. The sixth grader moved here from Rhode Island.

"I'm a friend for her and a personal counselor too," she said. "I want to make a difference in her life. If I can help her it will be an inspiration to me."

Nancy Johnson said her buddy is teaching her something about computers.

"He loves computers, loves to read and likes basketball," she explained. "He's a happy young man who likes to learn

new things."

Johnson said she has been a buddy rather than a tutor during their weekly visits.

"This really has been a rewarding thing for me," said Debby Dudzinski. "It's a wonderful thing that Adams-Millis allows us the time to do this. Young people today don't always have the attention they need but this program lets us give them some attention."

Dudzinski said she has encouraged her buddy to study hard and make good grades

and he can do whatever he wants. He plans to become a police officer.

Candy Briles, who wanted to become a school teacher earlier in her life, assists a sixth grade teacher and her students as her part of the buddy program.

"I think it's a good influence for me to be there," she said. "It's great of Adams-Millis to give us the opportunity to do this."

Treva Palmer also is work-
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Martha Parnell, left, makes notes about her buddy, Kiki McFadden.

McLean Returns Help Through Buddy Program

When Mary McLean heard about Adams-Millis' "buddy" program at Northeast Middle School in High Point, she was eager to become part of it.

"A program like this really was a help to my children when they were students at High Point Central," said McLean, who works in quality control at Adams-Millis High Point Knitting & Finishing Plant. "My son really benefitted from the program. His buddy even helped him get a job later on."

Her son, Bobby, worked in a bank during the summer. He now is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he is majoring in accounting.

"When I heard about this program here, I thought it would be a good way for me to give something back since it was such a help to Bobby," McLean said. "I hope I can be a help too."

Sixth grader Allison Lain said McLean already has been.

"She's already been a great

help to me," Lain said. "She helped me to work out a problem that I had."

Although the two have talked with each other only a few times, their friendship is growing quickly and is expected to continue in their twice a week meetings.

"She seems like she is a very good mother -- a good disciplinarian," Lain said of McLean at a recent meeting. "I know she's going to be a big help to me."

Describing what she had learned about her "buddy," McLean said of Lain, "She's a very determined young lady who knows what she wants to do with her life."

Lain, a Florida native who moved to High Point while still an infant, wants to attend Florida State University and play basketball there while studying to be a movie scriptwriter. "I love to write stories," said Lain, who began writing stories three years ago when she was nine.



Patti Warner, left, Crystal Collins find out about each other.



Mary McLean, left, Allison Lain talk during a recent meeting in the school library.

How Peace Came To Be

By ALLISON LAIN

Once upon a time in the wonderful world of Pillow Puffs there lived a big family. Their names were Papa Pillow, Mama Pinky, Big Brother Punk, Big Sister Pushy and Little Brother Peace.

Papa Pillow worked for the Pillow Industries. Mama Pinky worked for the Painting In-

dustries; and as for the kids, they all attended Pillow Puff Middle School where Pushy was a cheerleader and Punk was a well-known pillowball player. But as for Peace he was not well known for anything but, well, nothing.

All of the kids had fun, all them but Peace.

One day while Peace was

watching TV, he decided to go to the library to check out a book on names. When he found his name, it said happiness.

Peace ran all the way home to tell his family and when he did the word got all around town and became the national word of the land.