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Dear Parents,

Our students of today are preparing for a world where colleges and businesses are demanding more than ever before. To ensure all students are ready for success after high school, the Common Core State Standards establish clear guidelines for what every student should know and be able to use in math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade.

At Back to School Night, we outlined activities for the first year of implementing the common core math standards in all grades kindergarten through 6th grade. Over the last few years our teachers have been working to develop expertise in teaching the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Mathematical Practices and Content standards.

This year is an especially important year of learning. Most students are using our existing Pearson Math curriculum and supplementing with other materials. In addition, 27 of our classrooms are piloting new math programs to assess them for possible adoption in the next school year. Our new curriculum will emphasize units of study that promote mastery of critical skills and problem-solving strategies. Mathematical Practices will be integrated into the daily activities of our students. We expect a high level of learning and are very excited to begin using the new curriculum!

Are you interested in learning more about the Common Core and the skills that students need to succeed? Please see the links below.

Parent Roadmaps (by grade level) to the Common Core (English & Spanish)

Common Core State Standards: What Parents Need to Know (English and Spanish)

Engage New York: Parent Guide to the Common Core Standards (in English, Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, and Haitian Creole)

PTA Parent Guide to Student Success (English and Spanish)

Sincerely,