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Dear Parents,

This year we are excited to begin the endeavor of creating a Math Gifted and Talented Program. The program will focus on grades three through five and each G&T teacher will be rotating through two elementary schools, spending 2-3 full days in each building each week. The goal of this program is to propel our top math learners forward and provide them with enriching and challenging tasks to deepen their conceptual understanding of mathematics. In collaboration with the classroom teachers, we hope to provide a learning environment that challenges and engages our learners to expand their thinking, look at mathematics in new ways, and learn skills above and beyond the grade level standards.

This program is unique in that we plan to mold the learning objectives to the needs of the individual students. As the year begins we will spend time getting to know students – both as learners and individuals. As we move forward through the year, your child may spend their math period with us in other classrooms, in the back of their own classroom, or wherever we can find a space to learn. We intend to provide your child with extension projects as well as exposure to new topics.

If your child was identified for the program last year, he/she will continue to be a part of the program. We are working on identifying new students using multiple measures and we hope to complete this process shortly. Upon completion, if your child qualified, you will be notified of your child's entrance with a letter from the school district. In addition, we are also going to make CML part of the school day this year. More information will be shared as we get the program up and running.

We look forward to building relationships with you as well. If you have questions for us, please reach out by e-mail. We will either respond via e-mail or with a direct phone call to you, depending on the nature of your question. Please also feel free to contact your child's building principal or our supervisor, Dr. Heineman.

Attached are some resources that you can use with your children to strengthen their skill set and challenge them to deepen their understanding. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

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Parent Resources

National Association of Gifted Children www.nagc.org

New Jersey Association of Gifted Children www.njagc.org

Montclair State University Gifted Program for students K-12 http://www.montclair.edu/gifted

Prufrock Press www.prufrock.com

Stanford University Education Program for Gifted Youth http://epgy.stanford.edu/

University of Connecticut http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/

Duke University Gifted Program http://tip.duke.edu

Johns Hopkins University http://cty.jhu.edu/