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Dear Families,

As a district and a school, our goal is to meet the learning needs of ALL students. We follow a curriculum in reading and writing that allows each student to read and write at their individual learning level. We are doing the same process in the content area of mathematics.

This has been a multi-step process, involving the identification of assessment tools and curriculum materials. Using a set of criteria based on the 2nd grade level, students were identified for one of three groups: **ON GRADE LEVEL** ( Just Right), **SUPPORT MATH** ( additional support needed for some grade level concepts), or **CHALLENGE MATH** ( ability for more challenging math and a desire to work on more advanced mathematics).

#### **Criteria For Developing Math Groups**

- \* **Prior teacher recommendation ( Grade 1 performance)**
- \* **Current teacher recommendation ( Grade 2 performance)**
- \* **Beginning of the Year paper assessment , as well as computer assessment**

With these results, we are now establishing the following:

**SUPPORT MATH:** Additional support will be given in second grade curriculum and math fact fluency with Mrs. McDonald. Our goal is to help these students master the concepts that seem confusing and to prevent them from falling behind. Students who make significant progress can be moved into the ON GRADE LEVEL group at anytime in the year.

**ON GRADE LEVEL MATH:** Grade level appropriate for those that have mastered first grade math objectives and are ready for second grade math concepts. Mrs. Quigley and Mrs. Kuieck will be teaching these classes.

**CHALLENGE MATH:** Second grade math curriculum at a faster pace with more challenging work to help the highest achievers reach their potential. Mrs. McIntire will be alternating this group with Mrs. Quigley.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's second grade teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Kuieck  
Mrs. McDonald  
Mrs. Quigley