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**Parent Workshops 2015-16**



**Literacy Workshops**

Workshop Topic	Description	Date	Audience
Introduction to Handwriting without Tears	In this interactive workshop, parents will learn the approach to handwriting that all K-2 grade students learn. This will include strategies to: improve pencil grip, form letters and introduce cursive writing, along with resources and tips to help support this practice at home.	October 29th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Parents of students in Grades K-2
Word Study in Grades 1-5	In this workshop teachers will describe the principles behind our word study curriculum in grades 1-5. Parents will have an opportunity to be actively engaged in word study practice in order to gain an understanding of the student work. Parents will also leave with a collection of strategies to support their child at home.	November 5th 12-1 pm Darien Board of Education	Parents of children in Grades 1-5
Welcome to Kindergarten	This workshop will teach incoming K parents how children learn how to read, write, spell and do math. Parents will learn strategies for supporting their children in all of these areas.	December 15th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Incoming K Parents

<p>Introduction to <b>Fundations</b></p>	<p>This workshop will introduce Kindergarten parents to our new word study program, <b>Fundations</b>. In the workshop classroom teachers will demonstrate the strategies for learning, blending and applying letter sounds. Parents will have an opportunity to practice the strategies in the context of the scope and sequence. They will also learn how to support this important work at home.</p>	<p>January 21st 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education</p>	<p>Current K Parents</p>
<p>Comprehension in the Upper Grades</p>	<p>In this workshop parents will learn about comprehension expectations firsthand through a guided conversation about a children's book. In addition, parents will learn how to support their readers as they move up the levels of text complexity.</p> <p>Suggested book to read before workshop: <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo</p>	<p>February 25th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education</p>	<p>Parents of children in Grades 2-5</p>
<p>Writing Workshop for Parents</p>	<p><del>In this interactive workshop parents will experience a writing workshop. They will learn about the different kinds of writing that students learn and the categories that are used to assess student progress. Through engaging in the writing work, parents will leave with strategies and resources to support their children's progress in writing at home.</del></p>	<p><del>March 22nd 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education</del></p> <p>Postponed until May 10th</p>	<p>Parents of students in K-5</p>

## Mathematics Workshops



Workshop Topic	Description	Date	Audience
Understanding Common Core State Standards and Mathematical Practices	This workshop will help parents become familiar with the Common Core State Standards for Mathematical Practice and how they build across grade levels. Parents will also learn about the Mathematical Practices and what a “good” math student looks like.	November 17th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Parents of students in Grade K-5
Welcome to Kindergarten	This workshop will teach incoming K parents how children learn how to read, write, spell and do math. Parents will learn strategies for supporting their children in all of these areas.	December 15th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Incoming K Parents
Understanding Math in Your Child’s Classroom	Parents will have the opportunity to engage in the mathematics curriculum and explore the skills, strategies and games students use in the classroom. This workshop will be beneficial in helping parents support their mathematicians at home.	January 12th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Parents of students in Grade K-5
Summer Fun with Literacy and Mathematics	In this workshop parents will learn about a variety of resources, activities and ideas that will foster your child’s love, learning and confidence in literacy and mathematics over the summer.	May 10th 10-11:30 am Darien Board of Education	Parents of students in Grade K-5