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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This school year, grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will be using a new math program, *Math in Focus*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. *Math in Focus* provides a rigorous standards-aligned math program for students through an emphasis on problem solving skill development. Instruction focuses on developing student understanding of the ‘how’ and ‘why’ behind mathematical concepts. The program introduces new concepts with manipulatives, extends understanding through pictorial representations, and culminates student mastery in abstract mathematical concepts. To learn more about the program, visit the [Math in Focus website](#).

*Math in Focus* scaffolds instruction to meet the needs of individual learners with hands-on learning and visual models that support and optimize learning. Visual models, hands on activities and Ed, the HMH learning platform, provide an interactive resource to ensure growth for every student.

*Math in Focus* supports families too! It provides resources you may need to support students’ learning. There is a Family Room in the digital Ed platform. Each chapter has a School-to-Home Connection to help keep parents informed of what their child is learning.

**Logging into Ed:** Your child will be able to access the digital platform, Ed, through Clever.

**Navigating Ed:** Detailed Ed help is available at [Navigating Ed](#). You can access the Family Room from the main Ed page, under your student’s name in the upper right corner.

**More Information for Parents Coming Soon!** Please watch for communication sometime this fall. After our teachers and students have a chance to use the program, we will host an evening presentation for parents.



We look forward to partnering with you as we embark on our journey through *Math in Focus*!

Sincerely,

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