

Dear Parents and Families,

As you know, this year we will be looking at the Common Core Standards and how our current programs align with those standards. In the last couple of weeks, the elementary teachers began that work by looking at our reading and math programs. It was found that our program of Everyday Math does not align as well as we need. In order to investigate other programs that might meet our needs better, there are several teachers that have volunteered to pilot math programs this year.

Currently, we have about 20 teachers at the elementary level that will be using a different math program for the year. They will be using either Math in Focus by Houghton-Mifflin or enVision by Pearson. Your child's teacher is one of those that will be piloting this school year. Although your child may be using a different program, he/she will be learning the Common Core Standards for math as will those students who are still using Everyday Math.

Throughout the year, the teacher will be providing information to the Curriculum Coordinators of the district about the pilot program. We will also be asking for your impressions and feedback about the program your child will be using.

You will receive more information about the specific math program your child will be using next week as school begins. Thank you for your continued support of your child and the elementary schools of Timberlane. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school's curriculum coordinator or myself.

Sincerely,

Kelli Killen

Director of Elementary Education