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Dear K–8 GRACE Families,

I hope this message finds you well and I hope you are enjoying the final few weeks of the school year. I am writing to share some exciting news about an important development in our GRACE math curriculum. Beginning this fall, we will be implementing a new mathematics program across all K–8 classrooms: **Into Math** by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. This program will replace the previously used programs, Math Expressions for K-5, and Big Ideas for 6-8.

**Into Math** is a comprehensive, research-based program designed to support deep mathematical understanding and student success. After a thorough review process involving teachers, curriculum leaders, and administrators, we selected **Into Math** because of its strong instructional practices, emphasis on problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and the ability to meet the diverse learning needs of our students through a variety of differentiation methods.

### Key Highlights of Into Math:

- **Focus on Conceptual Understanding:** Students build a strong foundation by exploring mathematical concepts in ways that make sense and connect to real life.
- **Student Engagement:** Lessons include interactive activities, collaborative learning, and digital tools to keep students actively involved.
- **Data-Driven Support:** Teachers receive real-time insights into student progress, allowing for timely and targeted support.
- **Consistency Across Grades:** A cohesive K–8 structure helps ensure smooth transitions between grade levels and consistent expectations across classrooms.

Throughout the summer and into the new school year, our teachers will be receiving training and support to implement **Into Math** effectively. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and will keep you informed along the way.

We believe this new program will help all students grow as confident, capable mathematicians. As always, we value your partnership and support in your child's learning journey.

If you have any questions about this new program or the upcoming changes, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Blessings,

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