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Dear Parents, October 1, 2013

As we all know, reading, writing and math are foundational skills for children as they grow and develop within all curriculum areas.

In an attempt to foster core academic skills and enrichment beyond these academic skills, all students have been assessed to determine their areas of need and/or enhancement. Our teachers, along with many support staff members, will devote 20 minutes of instructional time two to three days per week for small group instruction. This will provide additional guidance or enhancement of these important skills as needed. Our goal with this program is to offer a smaller group setting in an effort to focus on mastery leading to more advanced application and synthesis of each skill.

The purpose of this letter is to express our excitement for this program and communicate that the individual needs of your child are the primary emphasis of our staff. These groups will be appropriately modified as children progress and grow throughout the year.

If you have any questions directly pertaining to your child, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

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