

# Flex Math

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Grade 3-5 team is excited to implement Math Flexible Groupings this year. We will begin our Flex groupings on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

## What is math Flexible grouping?

Flexible grouping is a term that describes a variety of ways to group students for the purpose of delivering specific instruction and maximizing growth. Group size and composition are adjusted to reflect student progress and instructional objectives. While our primary focus is the quality of instruction, grouping students across the grade level is an instructional strategy that will be used to ensure all students achieve outcomes.

## Groupings

~Student data decides individualized student targets. This means your child will be grouped with students whose needs are similar. They may or may not have their homeroom teacher as their math teacher.

~Every child is given a common assessment at the beginning and end of the current unit.

~Each grade level team will meet to discuss the assessments and place each child in an appropriate group.

~Students may be grouped outside grade level outcomes.

~Flex groups will be fluid and change according to student needs

~Formative assessment (checklists, exit slips, journals, quizzes, etc.) will be completed throughout the Flex group block.

~Flex math groups will occur every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

~Mondays and Fridays students will be with their homeroom teacher to complete math tasks. This allows teachers to stay in touch with their students during the Flex groupings.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education,

*The 3-5 Team*