

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 2019

Dear Marple Newtown Families,

In this upcoming school year, a new elementary curriculum program, *Math in Focus: Singapore Math by Marshall Cavendish*, will be utilized. Math in Focus has a heavy emphasis on learning *for, about, and through* problem solving allowing for students to be cognitively engaged in grappling with mathematical concepts. This new resource allows students to enhance their 21st Century skills as mathematicians with exposure to concepts in concrete, pictorial, and abstract variations increasing gains in their number sense, conceptual reasoning, and computational fluency.

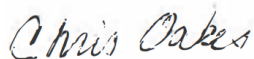
The Office of Teaching and Learning invites you to attend a Parent University session facilitated by Math in Focus representatives for guardians to gain further knowledge of the resource. Topics discussed will include the philosophy behind the instruction, as well as ways to help your child at home.

When: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm
Where: Russell Elementary Gymnasium

Please note, we will also offer the same information session on the night of Tuesday, November 5th if you cannot make the August date.

For families with students in grades 1 and 2: *First in Math* is now available for the new school year! Students can access this resource by visiting www.firstinmath.com and entering their username and password. The username is "mn" followed by your child's student ID number (example: mn123456), and their password is their student ID only. Kindergarteners will gain access when the school year begins.

Thank you,



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