



Dear Families:

Hazel Park teachers are committed to meeting the needs of all students. To help accomplish this goal, all Hazel Park elementary classrooms will be participating in the Math and Reading FIT Program. We have divided the school year into 15 four-week learning cycles. Each learning cycle focuses on one math skill and one reading skill.

During the first 2 weeks of the learning cycle, all students will receive instruction in their classroom. At the end of the 2 weeks, students will be given a short reading assessment and a short math assessment. Based on assessment results, teachers will divide students into 3 groups. All students who passed both of the assessments will be placed into an enrichment group. Students who do not pass the math assessment will be placed in a math intervention group and those who do not pass the reading assessment will be placed in a reading intervention group. If a student does not pass either of the assessments, teachers will decide which intervention group would be most beneficial for that student.

Each school has designated one half-hour of the school day as time for FIT. During FIT, the enrichment group will spend a half-hour engaged in enrichment activities. Students placed in the math or reading intervention groups will work on the focus skill with classroom teachers. These smaller numbers will allow teachers to be more responsive to individual student needs. At the end of the second two weeks, those students who received interventions will be assessed a second time.

Numerous research studies have shown that students whose parents are involved in their child's learning attain higher levels of achievement. In light of this research, we have written FIT Home Connections for each learning cycle. The Home Connections inform parents of the learning cycle's two focus skills and provide background information, which we hope will help you support your child's learning at home. These Home Connections should not be considered additional homework and do not need to be returned to school.

Please notice the logo at the top of this letter. All FIT Home Connections will contain the same logo, distinguishing them from the other paperwork sent home. We look forward to building a strong home-school connection with all of our families and appreciate any and all support you are able to provide your child.

Sincerely,
Hazel Park Elementary Teachers