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Dear MCS Parents and Guardians,

**We are excited to announce that our school is implementing *Ready Classroom Mathematics as our new K-8 math curriculum*.** After careful consideration of several resources, our selection committee determined that *Ready Classroom Mathematics* fit our school needs the best. *Ready Classroom Mathematics* will prepare our students for excellence in math and foster a love of learning. Here are a few highlights about the program:

**Active participation leads to better understanding**

A *Ready Classroom Mathematics* class is not quiet – students talk a lot! Talking about math is important not only because it builds students' confidence, it also helps students make connections between what they already know and what they are learning. This connection-building leads to better understanding and ultimately makes students more successful in math.

**Quality practice for long-term mastery**

*Ready Classroom Mathematics* uses research-based practice opportunities<sup>11</sup> designed to ensure students remember the math skills and concepts long after they have taken the test. Because these problems require students to deeply analyze the math, there will likely be fewer problems than you are used to seeing on math practice worksheets. In addition to print practice opportunities, students will also have access to digital practice and online Learning Games.

**Less tests, more learning**

*Ready Classroom Mathematics* allows teachers to learn a lot about what students know without spending too much time testing. At the beginning of the year your student will take an adaptive diagnostic assessment that will let your student's teacher see what your student already knows and does not know about math. Your student's teacher will use this wealth of information to tailor their instruction and provide personalized support.

Keep an eye out for regular updates from your student's teacher. You can also visit the Family Center at <http://readyclassroomcentral.com/familycenter/> to find resources to support your student.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your student's learning!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Richard Best  
MCS Executive Director

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