



Dear Parent (or Guardian),

This year, your student will be taking a mathematics course that is fully aligned with the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics for Grade 8. A primary focus of this course will be to prepare students for algebra, as students study linear functions and equations, and they connect their knowledge to other areas such as statistics and geometry.

We encourage you to join your student's teacher and school as a partner in your young mathematician's progress. A major portion of the work in this course will be the completion of sixteen packets (such as this one) throughout the year. Each packet will take about two weeks to complete. Some of this work will be done in class, and some will be assigned for homework. You can take an active role by reviewing the packet and asking your student to explain some problems to you. This will allow your student to practice communicating about mathematics, and give you an opportunity to find out what is being taught in the classroom. Your signature will indicate to the teacher that you have reviewed the work together.

If you see that your student does not fully understand a concept, please encourage your student to use the Resource Guide that accompanies the program as a reference and to ask the teacher for additional help.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope you enjoy watching your student grow mathematically this year.

Sincerely,

The Writing Team at the Center for Mathematics and Teaching

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