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Re: Reading and Math Groups

Dear Parents / Legal Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at DaVinci. It is amazing that the first week is over already, but it was a great first week. It was wonderful to see how excited the students were to come back to school and to see all of the great things that are already happening throughout the school.

There has been some confusion regarding classes for Math and Reading in Grades One - Five. This year, we are waiting until the first data-driven interim assessment has been given in order to create the groupings for reading and math. Also, the groups will be more flexible this year so that students can be challenged when it is necessary but also receive extra assistance when appropriate. An example of this flexible grouping is: perhaps after the first assessment, it is determined that a student is struggling with place value and that is a large concept that is going to be covered in the first quarter. The student would then be placed in the class where they will receive the most help on place value and other related concepts. After the second assessment, it is possible that the student could move to a different group. All of the groupings are based on what skills students have already mastered and the skills they are still working to develop. We want to make sure that we are challenging students, but also that we are providing a strong foundation.

If you have any questions on this matter, please let me know. Thank you for your support. I am sure this is going to be another great year at DaVinci!

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