Grades PreK–5 Beginning of the Year Survey

Dear Families,

In an effort to provide your child the best math experience, I am asking you to take 5-10 minutes to complete a survey. This survey will help me better understand how I can support your child’s learning of mathematics this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions you have about how math is taught today so that I can best support you, as well. Please take a moment to answer the following questions as best as you can.

About YOU

1. The following describes your school life when you were a child. (Select all that apply.)
   - [ ] I received formal schooling in the United States.
   - [ ] I received formal schooling outside of the United States.
   - [ ] I was homeschooled.
   - [ ] I did not receive formal schooling.
   - [ ] I prefer not to say.

2. The following best describes your attitude toward math when you were a child. (Choose one.)
   - [ ] Loved it!
   - [ ] Liked it.
   - [ ] Didn’t love it, but didn’t hate it.
   - [ ] Hated it!
   - [ ] Can’t remember.

Comments (if any):
3. The following best describes your attitude toward math now as an adult. (Choose one.)

☐ Love it!
☐ Like it.
☐ Don’t love it, but don’t hate it.
☐ Hate it!

If there was a change, what caused it?

4. Check all the statements that are true for you.

☐ I feel familiar and confident with the way math is taught today.
☐ I am excited to learn new ways of looking at and thinking about math.
☐ I am nervous I will confuse my child if I try to help them.
☐ I don’t understand how math is being taught today.
☐ I don’t understand why math is being taught differently than the way I learned it.

About YOUR CHILD

1. The following best describes your child’s attitude toward math. (Choose one.)

☐ Loves it!
☐ Likes it.
☐ Doesn’t love it, but doesn’t hate it.
☐ Hates it!
☐ I don’t know because they never talk about it.

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2. How do you support your child’s understanding of math? (Check all that apply.)

☐ I read books about math with my child often.
☐ We play games and puzzles that involve math.
☐ We do flashcards and help them memorize their facts by repetition.
☐ We do fact review but through games.
☐ I ask my child to show and explain to me what they learn each day.
☐ We find math in everyday life and talk about it.
☐ I help them with their homework.
☐ Other: ________________________

3. What information do you feel you need about the math your child will learn this year?

Comments (if any): 

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4. What else do you think I should know that will help me understand how to support you and your child’s math learning this year?