

## Dear Family,

Welcome to the experience of helping your child make connections in math with the *Math in Focus*<sup>®</sup> program. *Math in Focus*<sup>®</sup>: *Singapore Math* by Marshall Cavendish is the world-class math curriculum from Singapore adapted for U.S. classrooms.

The *Math in Focus*<sup>®</sup> Kindergarten program consists of classroom learning experiences structured around the Investigate–Discover–Explore–Apply format:

- **Investigate** invites children to sing, clap, rhyme, and discuss colorful, playful scenes presented in the Big Book while the teacher systematically elicits related math talk.
- **Discover** provides hands-on work in small groups or pairs to allow children to act out or engage actively with the new math idea.
- **Explore** reinforces and enhances concepts as children go one step further with the concept.
- **Apply** provides children the opportunity to work independently with paper and pencil to practice the new concept or skill.

You can help your child build mathematical success and confidence, as well as communication skills in mathematics by practicing newly acquired skills at home. Throughout the year, I will be sending home letters that will help you understand what your child has learned in school. These letters contain activities that give your child an opportunity to share their new skills with you.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please contact me if you have any questions about the program or about your child's progress.

