Green Brook Township Public Schools

Green Brook, New Jersey 08812

Green Brook Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL (732) 968-1051

132 Jefferson Avenue

May 29, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Fourth graders entering Fifth Grade may be eligible for advanced math which is taught by the Sixth Grade Math teacher. In other words, fifth graders will be placed in either grade level math or Pre-Algebra. Placement into Pre-Algebra is our most advanced level which accelerates a small number of students through pre-algebra concepts and procedures in order for students to take the first half of Algebra One in sixth grade, second half of Algebra One in seventh grade, and Geometry in eighth grade. For the majority of students at GBMS, our grade level math will appropriately challenge them while meeting their needs. However, at the end of fifth grade, students may be eligible for placement in an advanced math course in sixth grade which allow them to leave Green Brook having completed Algebra One.

In addition to teacher recommendation and classroom performance, the following criteria will be used in determining eligibility:

**Cognitive Abilities Test, Algebra Aptitude Assessment, and End of Year Achievement Test**

The following are the dates of the assessments/tests:

CogAt - June 2nd with their classroom teachers.

Algebra Aptitude Assessment - June 11th after the 4th grade student orientation.

End of Year Achievement Test – June 12th (9:00 AM – 10:30 AM)

Make Ups will be scheduled at a later date.

**Please sign and return the attached permission form for participation by June 5th.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Green Brook Middle School.

Sincerely,

Dr. James B. Bigsby

**5th Grade Advanced Math Program**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN: Please complete and return to your FOURTH GRADE teacher by Friday, June 5th.**

I would like my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Advanced Math process.

I give permission for my child to remain at Green Brook Middle School, on Thursday, June 11th after the 4th grade Orientation to complete the Algebra Aptitude Assessment. I understand that my child will eat lunch at GBMS and be bused back to IEF by Dr. Bigsby. **I should pack a brown bag lunch for my child.**

In addition, I understand that my child will be pulled out of class to complete the End of the Year Achievement Test on June 12th.

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