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Dear South Country Families,

South Country Central School District has adopted a new K-5 math program called *Math in Focus*. This first year of K-5 implementation comes after a year of a pilot that was conducted across the district with representation of all grade levels, kindergarten through fifth grade. *Math in Focus* is a textbook series based on Singapore Math. This approach helps students build solid conceptual understanding through a focus on problem solving. Concepts are taught with concrete-pictorial-abstract learning progressions through real-world, hands on experiences. The program uses clear and engaging visuals that present concepts and solutions that allow all students to gain a strong conceptual understanding. This program is research-based and focuses on classroom learning, discussion and practice.

As part of the *Math in Focus* program for grades K-5, you and your child have access to *Think Central* which contains digital resources for *Math in Focus*. The resources available to support your child include:

- Student Edition Textbook
- Math in Focus Background Videos
- Virtual Manipulatives
- Spanish Student Edition Textbook

Please refer to the directions attached to access these resources. *Math in Focus* online resources will provide opportunities to view the math textbook pages as well as resources to support your child's success with this program. Additionally, the Family Engagement Center will be offering workshops in December and January to provide support in learning about the online resources. Information regarding these workshops can be found on the South Country Parent Engagement Website at [http://www.southcountry.org/resources/family\\_engagement\\_center](http://www.southcountry.org/resources/family_engagement_center). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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