

As we gear up for the new academic year, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your hard work, dedication, and passion in guiding our students' educational journey.

As in previous years, September will be an invaluable time for us to review and solidify foundational knowledge. By revisiting essential concepts, we can build a strong academic foundation and set the stage for a successful year ahead.

### **Foundational Knowledge**

If you are following the [Grade 4 Long Range Plans - Suggested Timeline](#), in September, you will focus on building foundational knowledge of place value, additive thinking, and algebraic thinking as it pertains to whole numbers, decimals, and fractions.

In order for students to be successful, prior to engaging with the new Grade 4 curriculum, use September to focus on the following essential concepts from Grade 3:

- *Place Value*
  - whole numbers within 100 000
- *Additive Thinking*
  - whole number within 1 000
- *Algebraic Thinking*
  - equality

School divisions who implemented the new Math curriculum in 2022-2023 and utilized September to revisit key concepts from the previous year, found that students' understanding was reinforced, allowing them to solidify their knowledge and skills, laying the groundwork for more complex topics.

### **Coming Your Way**

In order to support teachers, Learning Services will provide

- On-going grade specific Google Meets, focusing on specific topics
- Supporting documents created by CESD Summer Institute colleagues
- Mathematics manipulatives and assessment resources
- Two additional collaborative working days for Grade 4- 6 teachers teaching Math and/or ELA&L. More details will be forthcoming.
- Learning and resources through the PLC structure

All supporting resources can be found on the [CESD New Curriculum website](#).

Our collective commitment to educational excellence will enable our students to excel academically. By dedicating September to solidify important concepts, we create a strong foundation for their continued success.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for embracing the opportunity to start the school year off right. Together, we can empower our students and make a lasting impact on their educational journey.

Wishing you a fantastic September!