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Parents and Families,

The faculty and staff at West Side are always working hard to meet the needs of students and to increase academic achievement. Each year, we create a plan which includes academic data analysis, identification of groups of students who need more support, and plans for moving forward to better meet their needs.

This year, in addition to continuing strategies from the 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan, we will implement the following in English/Language Arts (which includes Reading, Writing, Spelling, Listening, and Speaking) and Math.

- Evidence-based reading interventions
- Super Kids "Tuck-In" lessons
- Online tutoring
- Online reading experiences
- Distribution of books and materials such as math manipulatives to parents to support students at home in distance learning
- Extended learning time opportunity- virtual summer school
- iReady Math Learning Pathways
- Small group learning such as break-out sessions for enrichment

Activities to support attendance needs of students such as monitoring attendance data and student engagement in distance learning data during faculty and grade level team meetings is also a focus. And, Positive Behavior and Support Initiatives will also continue to encourage students to do their best.

Parent and Family Engagement continues to be a priority, and three academic events funded by Title I are planned for this school year. They will focus on social emotional learning for all students, literacy for primary grades, and math for intermediate grades. Volunteer programs are currently on hold due to COVID-19, but Family Involvement Team meetings will be held virtually. Please contact Mrs. Sibley, the school counselor, if you would like to participate in the meetings by calling the school at 301-724-0340 or by emailing her at [m.sibley@acpsmd.org](mailto:m.sibley@acpsmd.org).

All of these activities are being implemented to improve teaching and learning opportunities for our students. Our full School Improvement Plan is always available online at <https://www.acpsmd.org/Domain/66> and in the school office to parents for viewing, and your comments and input are always welcome. Please contact me by calling 301/724-0340 or by e-mailing [shannon.green@acpsmd.org](mailto:shannon.green@acpsmd.org) for more information.

Thank you for your support of the academic programs at West Side School!