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Dear Parents,

I am writing to share some information about an exciting opportunity for JMUES students. Starting in October, we will be providing students with tiered instructional approaches (TIA) to enhance reading and math skills. Below are some of the talking points that will be shared with your child by their classroom teacher.

- JMUES students and staff members will participate in TIA on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
- TIA has been designed to provide JMUES students with what they need to be successful in reading and math.
- Groups will be formed after JMUES educators look at all of the fall benchmark assessment data and make recommendations to ensure that each student makes continuous improvement in reading and math.
- Tiered instructional approaches may include guided reading or math, small group skills-based learning, literature study groups, and/or Individualized Daily Reading (IDR) with conferring.
- Students at JMUES will attend a 45 minute block for 3 days a week that are designed to enhance reading and math skills. Each TIA session will run for approximately 5 weeks and alternate between reading and math throughout the year. Additionally, students will review test taking strategies and participate in test preparation activities between sessions.
- TIA has no homework assignments. All of the reading and math work will be completed within the 45 minute block on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
- Progress will be monitored by the staff member leading the TIA session.

We are excited to provide this learning opportunity to your child, and we are committed to helping every JMUES student make continuous improvement in reading and math.

Sincerely,

Marsha McGill, Principal