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Dear Parents:

The purpose of my correspondence is to explain an aspect of your child's schedule Called "Comet Time." All students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade will Incorporate "Comet Time" into their school day.

Depending on your child's grade level, this academic period will range from thirty to forty-five minutes. This block of time is designed to provide students with instruction tailored to his or her learning needs. During this time we utilize a homogeneous group approach to remediate, enrich, or further enhance the curriculum. These homogeneous groups are flexible, meaning the students can move from one group to another based on their learning goals and needs.

When the students return to school, initial benchmark assessments will occur to gauge your child's individual needs. This is the initial step in creating "Comet Time" groups.

"Comet Time" will serve many purposes and the main purpose will vary grade to grade and group to group. The cornerstone of the "Comet Time" concept is to schedule and adhere to a time that focuses on providing specifically what a student needs to be successful. Teachers are able to be more targeted and effective during "Comet Time". Lastly, you will not see an area of the Skyward Gradebook attributed to this academic time. Instead, the teachers use informal assessments and progress monitoring to help students be successful. There is no out of school preparation or homework for this class period.

If I can be of further assistance to answer any questions specific to "Comet Time" please do not hesitate to contact me at kevin.seyer@csdcomets.org or at (570) 474-5942.

Yours in Education,

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