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Dear Parents,

As [school] continues to focus on meeting the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner by focusing on engaging and effective lessons, we are excited to roll out a new concept that will take our teaching and learning to a new level. We are about to embark on a new innovative and efficient method of instruction called “flipping” the classroom.

Teacher-focused instruction, where the teacher often spends upwards of 90% of classroom time introducing new topics by lecturing, allows little time for student engagement and application. Flipping the classroom allows for a much larger amount of class time to be spent on identifying the needs of individual students, and meeting those needs.

How is this possible? Flipping the classroom is a method where your child’s teacher records short lectures and post them on the internet. Students watch the video lectures before each class meeting. This allows students to come to class prepared with the basic content knowledge, and with questions for the teacher or classmates. Teachers will then be able to spend class time meeting the needs of individual students, having students works in groups, and apply their learning. This is a much more engaging and effective classroom than having students listen to long lectures during class time. Flipping will also serve as a resource for you as parents, allowing you to have full knowledge of classroom instruction in order to encourage your child’s learning outside the classroom.

Flipping allows struggling learners to rewind, re-watch, and review videos for remediation. It also provides challenge opportunities for higher-level learners, as they may view upcoming topics after mastering current content. Students who do not have computer access at home will be permitted to use computers in school in order to complete their video homework assignments.

In the upcoming weeks you will be receiving further detail and instruction on how to assist your child at home with flipping the classroom. We look forward to partnering with you on this exciting new journey. Please feel free to visit <http://www.fi.ncsu.edu/fizz> for more information about flipping the classroom provided by the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation.

Sincerely,

[Teacher]