

Lower School

FRIENDS SELECT

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that the school has purchased a subscription to Dreambox online math program for all lower school students, kindergarten through fourth grade. We were drawn to this math program because it is aligned with our philosophy about math teaching and learning, and we are confident that it is a strong complement to our mathematics curriculum. Dreambox allows children at all places on the continuum of math learning to work on building number sense, strengthening conceptual understanding, building problem-solving ability, and practicing other essential skills.

We encourage you to have your children spend 30-60 minutes a week using Dreambox at home. Of course, if you have a "no screens" rule in your house, you should not feel you need to change that. Otherwise, we feel that Dreambox can be a wonderful substitute for less productive screentime.

There are a few important details to keep in mind:

- The program is pre-set to your child's current grade level. However, it is an adaptive program, so it adjusts continually to provide exactly what your child needs to work on. Therefore it is useful both as extra support as well as enrichment.
- That said, you'll need to resist the urge to help your child with answers or the program won't accurately adjust. You can guide your child in understanding what the task is asking, but you shouldn't do more than that.
- For that same reason, please don't allow anyone else to use your child's log in. The program will use the data from the other child which will make it less effective for your lower school child.
- If you will be using an iPad, please download the green Dreambox app.

If you have technical questions about how to log in or access your child's account, please contact FSSDreambox@friends-select.org. Dreambox recommends using a computer for your first login. If you have questions about the program, please contact Amy at amys@friends-select.org. If you choose to set up the parent dashboard for your child's account, you should know that it may take up to 24 hours after you set it up for the information to load. Also, the parent dashboard is optional and will not impact your child's ability to use Dreambox. To set this up, please sign up through your child's account.

Please [click here](#) for information on how to access Dreambox.

We feel confident that your child will both enjoy and benefit from this program and we look forward to hearing about your experience with Dreambox.

Sincerely,

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