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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 2009-2010 school year will be a year of high expectations for all Bayonne elementary school students. Continued academic successes and improving student performance are top priorities in the Bayonne School District. That is why I have implemented a "Spirit of Excellence" in all academic disciplines.

An overview of the REACH Program is listed below. Please take the time to review this important academic enrichment information.

Sincerely,

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PROGRAM

What is REACH?

Elementary students will have the opportunity to attend REACH (Raising Expectations Above Children's Horizons) courses each week. These enrichment courses focus on various subject areas. REACH courses enable students to select topics of interest that are challenging and creative.

REACH Highlights

- ★ Students are offered numerous enrichment opportunities of the highest quality.
- ★ Students are given the opportunity to diverge from their regular compacted curriculum and devote time to enriching their abilities.
- ★ REACH courses, which employ the multiple intelligence approach, combined with cooperative learning, encompass a wide variety of thematic topics allowing students to explore, discover, share, and create.
- ★ REACH courses change every two marking periods in order for students to have maximum exposure to a variety of academic challenges.

