



# Tremont Elementary

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Dear Parents,

It will soon be time to begin the process of placing students into classroom groupings for 2009-2010. Students are placed into classrooms with the ultimate goal of creating an equal number of well-balanced classes at each level. We want to create learning communities that will support the needs of all learners.

Academic strengths and needs, leadership skills, work habits, and gender balance are all taken into consideration when grouping students. Student learning styles, and how he or she will perform in a particular learning environment are other important factors.

**Parents who are interested in having input regarding placement of a child should put those thoughts in writing.** You may use the form on the back of this letter, write your own letter, or send an email to [tbates@uaschools.org](mailto:tbates@uaschools.org). The content of your communication should address the type of learning environment in which you believe your child would be most successful. Discuss your son or daughter as a learner.

Fifth grade students are assigned to a homeroom teacher, have this teacher for one of their academic classes, and go to art, music, and P.E. with this group of students. For the rest of the day, they will have a different teacher for each academic class with a different grouping of students.

Please do not request a teacher by name. If something were to happen to require a change in staffing during the summer, it is more valuable for us to have the input about your child. **Students will have the opportunity to meet their 2009-2010 teachers at the end of this year just as in the past.**

Teachers have been instructed not to discuss next year's placement with parents. Decisions about your child's classroom placement are made in collaboration with many staff members. Asking current teachers to comment on the teachers in the next grade level puts them in an uncomfortable and difficult situation; therefore, I am asking parents to only communicate with me.

While placing students with friends is always discussed, it is not our greatest priority. All parent input will be weighed during the placement process. Please submit your thoughts to Mr. Bates by **Friday, May 8th**.

**Please contact Dawn at 487-5170 ext. 100 if your child will not be attending Tremont next year. She will send a "Withdraw Form" home.**

## 2009-2010 Classroom Placement

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Current Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

The information you provide will assist us in determining the best classroom placement for your child.

**Please tell us about your child as a learner.**

**Please provide information about the best learning environment for your child.**

**Other Comments:**

**Return this completed form to Mr. Bates by FRIDAY, May 8, 2009.**