



Ocean Cliff Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

This year we have 362 students enrolled at Ocean Cliff Elementary and today our children have been placed into their 2019-20 classes today (Monday, September 9th).

We started the process of class placement in May of last year. Our staff has spent considerable time discussing a suitable placement for every student. In May and June, we solicited your views on an appropriate placement for sound educational purposes. We asked for this in writing, or email, and many of you forwarded your input to me.

We are confident your child, with your support, will have a successful experience in their new classroom for the 2019-2020 year.

As students settle into their new classrooms, we are often asked how decisions are made regarding the organization of classes. We consider many factors including,

- Intellectual, social and emotional development
- Learning styles and strengths of students
- Integration of students with special needs
- Degree of independence in student work habits
- Students who do, and do not, work well together
- Maintaining appropriate class size and composition

As much as possible, attempts are made to have balanced class sizes, as well as social compatibility. We also try to ensure that positive leaders are included in each class. The placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. We feel confident that your child has been placed appropriately.

Most children are excited about being in a new class! However, some children may be somewhat anxious about their placement. Generally, our experience is that children easily adjust within the first few days. If your child is finding the change difficult, please let them know it is typical to feel anxious in new situations, but that soon their new classroom will feel like home!

Thank you for your support with this process and for helping us begin another wonderful year at Ocean Cliff Elementary!

Sincerely,

Andrew Zadeiks, Principal