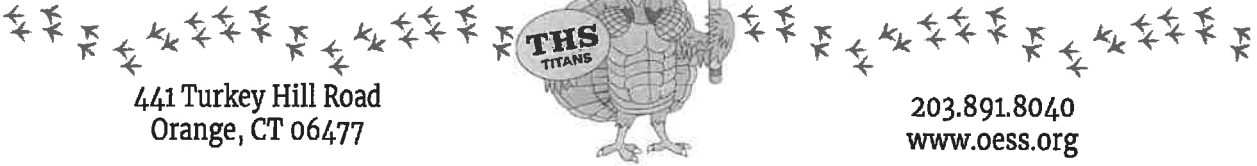


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Turkey Hill School is starting the class placement process in April. The teachers and staff here at Turkey Hill School put a great deal of thought, time, and energy into developing class lists for the upcoming year. Many variables are considered including heterogeneous groups, reading groups, social interactions, number of girls and boys, number of children requiring additional assistance and enrichment, the total number of children in a classroom and teacher observations and judgments. All of this allows us to build well balanced learning environments where children can increase their confidence to attempt new challenges and continue to develop academically and socially.

Spending everyday side-by-side with your child certainly gives us an excellent picture as to the needs of each child; however, parents may submit, in writing, your input and observations about your child's learning style, learning needs, and the type of environment in which you believe your child will be most successful. **You can send in a letter marked confidential to my attention or feel free to email me at darterbery@orange-ed.org by March 31st.** This letter may include separation issues from peers, more or less structured environment issues or the like. Please be assured that with or without a letter from parents, the staff will review each child's needs carefully and select the educational environment in which s/he will learn best. As a reminder, if you choose to write a class placement letter, it does not automatically guarantee that your requests will be granted.

However, in order to ensure the integrity of the process, please be advised that requests for specific teachers cannot be honored. Requests not to have a specific teacher may be honored if your family has had a previous child placed with that teacher and feels it is not advisable to place a sibling with that teacher. We ask that you honor the time and effort put forth by our staff in organizing each of the class lists.

Every day you entrust us with making good decisions on behalf of your children, and I know that you will give us that same trust with this decision as well. The team will place your child in the best educational environment to ensure optimum learning and growth. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Denise Arterbery