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Dear Parents,

Each spring, there is considerable discussion about placing children in classes for the next school year. This is a matter not taken lightly at Hermosa Valley School, and the staff spends many hours forming well-balanced classes in which all children will have an opportunity to learn and grow in their academic and social skills.

It is hoped that a frank review of the procedure for class placement of students will alleviate some of the concerns parents feel regarding class building, and will obviate the need for parents to individualize their concerns or make requests for specific teachers. When classes are structured, clear sets of guidelines are followed. Homeroom classes are formed into deliberate heterogeneous groups with the following in mind:

- ✓ An even boy-girl balance
- ✓ A full range of aptitudes within each class
- ✓ An even proportion of abilities and learning styles across the classes at each grade level
- ✓ An equal number of students per class
- ✓ An even proportion of children with English language proficiency

Once these factors have been considered, we begin to build classes of students who show promise of working well together. Quite understandably, these decisions are based upon observations made by the staff during the course of the year.

While we welcome your input about your child's individual learning needs, we trust that you understand that your comments constitute just one of the many factors that we consider in forming classes. The final decision on class placements resides with the school.

Respectfully Yours,

Tiffany Rudek
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