

May 3, 2010

Dear Parents,

As we make class assignments for the upcoming year, every attempt is made to balance class size, gender ratio, individual needs, and academic groupings. Your child's current teacher works with other teachers in the grade level to assign their students to next year's teachers, considering each child's learning style and the combination of students that will best support each other's learning.

We hope to limit parental requests unless there is a significant reason that needs to be considered. Only if you have strong feelings and good reason for us to consider special class placement would I encourage you to fill out a parent input form.

I discourage you from requesting a teacher because you "like that teacher" or you have heard from other parents that one teacher is the most requested. Mary Martin teachers and I work hard to create balanced classes that will meet the needs of our students. We will consider how the needs of individual children are met, while trying to balance the learning and behavioral needs of our children.

Please understand that requests for students to be placed in classes with other children will not be considered. Most students make and change friends easily and benefit from the opportunity to do so. A class filled with too many "best friends" can become difficult to manage and distract students from their focus on learning.

The parent input form is available in the school office or online at <http://web.weatherfordisd.com/schools/martin.htm>. The deadline for submission of a parent input form is Thursday, June 10, 2010.

We look forward to working with your child and you next year. Thank you for your support as we work to place our students in class settings that will support their learning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 817/598-2910.

Sincerely,

Joy Bailey
Principal