



The Gloucester Public Schools

Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, life-long learners

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is spring again, and our school is scheduled to begin the class placement process for next year. Placement is an important decision, and one that involves close collaboration between grade-level teams, specialists, counselors, special education teachers and myself. A very important piece of the process involves gathering your input about your child.

Your knowledge regarding your child's social, emotional, and academic needs in learning is essential information for us to consider in this process. Our primary goal is to create equitable and diversified classrooms. We try to balance each class by gender, by academic abilities, social abilities, and by learning styles. Research supports that balancing these elements contributes to increasing the possibilities for successful educational settings. This is a challenging task, especially in a school with only two classrooms per grade level, but the process works well and is taken very seriously by all the caring professionals who are involved. Our staff is committed to making the best placements for all children to ensure a productive and successful learning environment.

I understand it is tempting to request a specific teacher, but we ask that you please respect the careful attention that goes into this placement process. Adhering to our request assures that this process is equitable for all. Please feel free to comment on the items on the back of this letter. This information will be shared with the teaching staff during the placement process as well as with next year's teacher.

Please note it is not necessary to complete this form for a child to receive careful consideration for next year's placement. If you choose to complete the form, I ask that you return your written comments on the form on the back of this letter **no later than Friday, May 5th**.

I thank you for your support as we plan for the best possible learning environment for each child at Plum Cove Elementary.

Sincerely,

Tammy Morgan
Principal

Student Name _____ Current Teacher: _____

1) How does your child learn best (i.e. visually, auditorially, in groups, independently, etc.)?

2) If you feel comfortable, please indicate any life-changing events we might need to know about (a recent move, a change in family structure, health issues, etc).

3) We do our best to place your child with a familiar face, and your child's teachers are aware of specific dynamics to keep in mind when placing your child. Are there specific peer/social relationships of which we should be aware? (positive/negative)

4) Please indicate if your child will be returning to Plum Cove for the 2017-2018 school year.
Yes _____ No _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

Date: _____