



May 15, 2023

Dear Families,

The placement of students in classes for next year is a responsibility we take seriously. Teachers and administrators are preparing to spend many hours considering the placement of all students for the 2023-2024 school year. Partnering with parents is a valuable part of the class placement process. However, it is important to note that our goal is to create strong learning communities within our OPS family. Our staff considers what is best for the individual, the class, and the grade level. If you have information that you feel may be pertinent for your child's placement for next year, please email your input to 2023placement@oradellschool.org.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Keep your email to 150 words or less.
- Include your child's name in the subject line.
- Send separate emails for each of your children. *Note - you will only receive one response if you send multiple emails.*
- DO NOT request a specific teacher. **Individual teacher requests will not be honored.** If your email contains a teacher request, it will be returned.
- Statements such as, "Based on what I have heard, I think <insert teacher name> would not be (or would be) a good fit for my child" are not allowed. This is a teacher request. If your email contains a teacher request, it will be returned.
- If you had an experience with a particular teacher with an older child and prefer a different experience for a younger sibling, please share that information. We understand that sometimes there is a preference for a different experience for a sibling. *Please note - younger siblings are not automatically placed with a teacher that their older sibling had.*
- If you would like to share 2-3 students your child would do well with next year, that is helpful. Please understand it will not guarantee that your child is placed with the students.
- You may request that your child be separated from 1-2 students. Please understand it will not guarantee that your child will not be with those students.
- Students who have spent two or more years with the same peer(s) may be separated. This is in the best interest of the student, the class, and the grade level, as it helps build a strong community.
- **Please trust your teacher knows your child and will use that knowledge to make a strong classroom placement.**

THE DEADLINE TO EMAIL IS MAY 25, 2023. Emails received after this date will not be considered. Thank you for working with us to create a positive learning experience for OPS children.

Sincerely,
The OPS Administrative Team

Kindergarten	D. Bendett	D. Domingues	H. Kapp	K. Marulis	V. Mertens
Grade 1	J. Caruana	N. Dell'Olio	M. Haas	K. Sinclair	D. Westdyk
Grade 2	R. Kenyon	K. Menhinick	A. Pallotta	K. Scanlon	J. Hook
Grade 3	M. Constandinou	D. Oxnard	M. Pizza	A. Talarico*	J. Tashjian
Grade 4	Team A - TBD & K. Windram		Team B - H. O'Keeffe & R. Velmonte		Team C - K. Marron & J. Coccia (each teacher will teach ½ day of 4th gr and ½ day of 5th gr)
Grade 5	Team A - Christie Nobre & TBD		Team B - J. Powers & S. Malenda		
Grade 6	Sixth grade will be departmentalized. Every sixth grader will have the following teachers: G. Jankowski - Writing A. Kennedy - Math C. Malady - Reading S. Durling - Social Studies A. Lozano - Science				

*Pending Board approval

Please note - This teaching roster is tentative, and teacher assignments are subject to change