

# Jennings School

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Dear Families,

My hope is that this letter finds everyone in good spirits as we wind down the summer. Next year we will continue implementing a team teaching approach. This approach has been successful the last three years at Jennings and has been successfully utilized for students in surrounding districts as well as at Osborn Hill School and North Stratfield School fifth grade classrooms. We believe this teaming model is beneficial in a myriad of ways. One major benefit is preparing students for Fairfield Woods Middle School, where they will experience a similar model that requires them to work with multiple teachers, switch classes, and organize their materials appropriately.

When you receive your class assignment this summer it will identify your child's "homeroom" teacher. This teacher will be the primary contact person in regards to your child's progress throughout the year. Children will report to their homeroom teacher each day, switch classes and follow their schedule. Mr. Curesky, Ms. Fasano and Mrs. Rooney will be responsible for certain subject area content and the students will experience having each as a teacher. Each homeroom teacher will be teaching Science/Social Studies to their class in addition to subjects listed below. This structure will give them greater opportunities to get to know every student as they work together to meet their individual needs.

Mrs. Fasano	-	Reading
Mrs. Lewin	-	Math
Mrs. Rooney	-	Writing
Mrs. Maynard	-	Social Studies/Science/Health

While students will primarily remain with the same group of peers throughout the day, switching classes will give them the opportunity to adjust to different teaching styles, practice smooth transitions, and develop their organizational and time management skills. It is also a belief that a strong sense of community will be present for the entire fifth grade group. At the end of the school year, our fifth graders will be more familiar with the middle school model.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a structure that new for them. The teachers and support staff are very excited to work collaboratively as they get to know each and every fifth grade student in an individualized way. We look forward to sharing more details about our teaming approach during Open House on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Best wishes for a fabulous last few days of summer vacation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Tony Vuolo  
Principal