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Dear Parents/Guardians of Third and Fourth Grade Students,

I am writing to inform you about a very exciting change to the way students will learn in Third and Fourth Grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Lindenwold School Five will departmentalize this year in Grades Three and Four. This translates into the following change: each student will have a homeroom in which they check in the morning. Students will then switch with one or two other teachers throughout the day to get instruction in the academic content areas and return to their homeroom to collect their belongings and be dismissed at the end of the day. Of course, they will continue to have a special each day of the week (Art, Music, Physical Education, Media, Spanish, and Computers). They will also travel as a class to each subject area and, as always, they will have lunch and recess together.

Departmentalization has many benefits, some of which are listed below.

- Specialization- Students receive instruction from teachers specialized in particular disciplines, allowing for depth of instruction where teachers are able to complete more in-depth lessons in a specific area.
- Instructional Teams- Students benefit because they are exposed to the instructional knowledge/experience/insight of more than one teacher. In addition, teachers on the grade level get to know more of the students, while students get to bond with more than one teacher.
- Transition- Departmentalization at School Five aligns with middle school organization, better preparing students for the transition to Lindenwold Middle School.
- Equity- Each student will receive equity of instruction in each of the content areas since it will be delivered using the best practices in content and methodology from the content area teachers.

Also included for your review are the teams of teachers for this school year. We refer to them as dyads (teams of two), or triad (team of three) and they are listed below:

Fourth Grade

- ★ Mrs. Hammill/Mrs. Willchock (Reading) & Mrs. Asselta/Mr. Wood (Mathematics)
- ★ Mrs. Prout (Reading), Mrs. McGlaufflin (Mathematics) & Mr. Parsi (Writing/Science/SS)

Third Grade

- ★ Mrs. Joyce/Mrs. Zimmerman (Reading) & Ms. Seymour/Mr. Patrick (Mathematics)
- ★ Mrs. Ferreira (Reading) & Ms. Mojica (Mathematics)
- ★ Mrs. Kondo (Reading) & Ms. Palmer/Mrs. Spaventa (Mathematics)

As with all of our instructional practices, we will be sure to monitor the growth of our students through the process of progress monitoring to ensure success for all students. We look forward to your continued feedback, support and collaboration. Looking forward to an awesome school year ahead!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandra Martinez-Preyor

Principal