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Dear Parents of our **3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students.**

This letter is to inform you of Eastbrook Elementary School's plan to "departmentalize" in grades 3, 4, and 5 for the 2019-2020 school year. Departmentalization can be defined as two teachers being assigned as a partnered team while teaching a reduced number of specific subject areas aligned within their expertise and experience. Most grade level teams will consist of 6 teachers, each paired with another, creating 3 teacher teams.

Each student will be assigned two teachers: one teaching Science/Math, the other teaching English Language Arts/Social Studies. If a grade level has an odd number of teachers, then one teacher will remain self-contained.

Schedule:

The schedule will begin with announcements in Homeroom and then students will have their first instructional block of academics with their morning teacher. Following Specials (PAM) and lunch, students will receive the opposite instructional block of academics with the partnered afternoon teacher.

Departmentalization now gives teachers the opportunity to focus on fewer subject area preps while giving greater flexibility to address standards in their expertise areas. In essence, teachers will now have more time to teach the standards in their assigned subject areas, and at a deeper level. The success of departmentalization is contingent of teamwork, alignment, and communication. Departmentalization also serves as a transitional experience that provides a bridge into middle school. In short, it is an investment for the future and part of vertical alignment K-12. Students will be responsible for keeping up with their belongings and assignments for two different teachers and will transition between classrooms. Students would also begin to experience working with teachers that have different requirements.

More information will be provided at the beginning the year at Open House and at our Parent Nights. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.

Sincerely,

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