

What is looping?

Looping is keeping groups of students together for two or more years with the same teacher.

Academic Benefits:

- **Teacher has extra teaching time. The “getting to know you” time becomes unnecessary during the second year.**
- **Teacher knowledge about a child’s intellectual strengths and weaknesses increases in a way that is impossible to achieve in a single year.**
- **Long term teacher/student relationships improve as well as student performance.**

Social Advantages:

- **Students have a reduced apprehension about the new school year and the new teacher after the first year.**
- **Students reap benefits from time spent on developing social skills and cooperative group strategies in subsequent years.**
- **Looping permits students to get to know one another well.**
- **Long term relationships result in an emotional and intellectual climate that encourages thinking, risk-taking, and involvement.**
- **Looping encourages a stronger sense of community and family among parents, students, and teachers.**

Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Howser will do some multi-age activities with the 2nd and 3rd graders and will loop every other year with a new set of students. Mrs. Howser will have a 2nd grade class next year and Mrs. Hill will have a 3rd grade class. They will do some multi-age grouping to meet the various needs of the students in their classes. The following year Mrs. Howser will move up to 3rd with her students from the previous year and Mrs. Hill will move to 2nd grade to start the looping process again.