Dear families,

I am excited to share with you an outstanding educational opportunity for your children. This opportunity is called looping, which is when a teacher moves with his/her kids to the next grade level. Research shows that there are many advantages of “looping”. Some of these advantages are listed below (courtesy of the article: Looping: Adding, Time, Strengthening Relationships by Daniel L. Burke)

- **Students change from one grade to the next with a minimum of anxiety** (Grant & Johnson, 1995).
- **Looping provides children with additional time to build the relationships on which much of children's learning depends** (Checkley, 1995; Haslinger, Kelly, & O'Lare, 1996; Lincoln, 1997; Shepro, 1995).
- **Looping can turn parents into supporters and promotes stronger bonding between parents and teachers** (National School Public Relations Association, 1995; Shepro, 1995).
- **Looping essentially adds an extra month of teaching/learning time during the second year when the typical transitional period at the beginning of the year is virtually unnecessary** (Hanson, 1995; Burke, 1996).

What does this mean for your children and our class? If you choose to participate, I will serve as your child’s teacher again in 3rd grade for the 2011-2012 school year. While I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity, you do have the option to request that your child be placed in another class next year. I encourage you to call or email me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Please complete the bottom portion of this sheet to let me know whether you would like your child to remain in my class or if you request for him/her to be in a different class for 3rd grade. I look forward to working with you all in 3rd grade for another wonderful year!

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Student’s Name: __________________________________

Please check one:

☐ **Yes**, I would like my child to remain in Ms. Floyd’s class for 3rd grade.

☐ **No**, I would like my child to be in a different class for 3rd grade.

Parent’s signature: _________________________________