

Bethel's Multiage Program

Multiage Philosophy

The Multiage philosophy is based on the premise that children of all academic abilities can be successful. There are characteristics which enhance this philosophy. Please consider the following when deciding whether or not Multiage may be the appropriate learning environment for your child.

Multiage students:

- are active participants.
- enjoy working in small groups.
- are critical thinkers.
- enjoy discovery.
- become involved with the current task at hand and want to complete the activity.
- enjoy project work.
- can adapt to a classroom where the pace is not the same for every student.
- are eventual leaders.
- are dependable and responsible.
- manage transitions well.
- do their best learning in a less structured environment rather than a traditional classroom.



Primary Multiage (First and Second Grades)

Primary Multiage (PMA) is a class for 1st and 2nd grade students. Our multiage classroom is an exciting place where children learn through active involvement. It is a classroom that nurtures children's natural desire to learn. Group interaction, research projects, and student leadership roles are prevalent.

Intermediate Multiage (Third and Fourth Grades)

The Intermediate Multiage (IMA) classroom consists of 3rd and 4th graders. The curriculum is based entirely on the third and fourth grade state standards. All work is taught with higher level expectations but allows students to work at their developmental level. The multiage classroom provides students with the opportunity to be leaders, as well as followers. They learn group dynamics by the activities in which they are involved on a regular basis, thus making them more effective team players, a requirement in today's work force.

Visit our Websites

PMA

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Katie Saunders and Stephanie Wood (18-19)

<https://sites.google.com/a/greenvilleschools.us/saunders-sailors/>

IMA

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Multiage Selection Process

The following process will be used to select students for the Multiage program:

STEP I.

- Application
- Teacher Recommendation

After careful review of all criteria listed above, eligible students will be included in the lottery process.

STEP II.

A structured lottery will be conducted to create balanced classes in the areas of:

- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Academic Ability

No preferences will be given to siblings of current or previous Multiage students.

Students not selected in the lottery are placed on a waiting list.

Current 2nd grade students in Primary Multiage must submit a completed application and teacher recommendation in order to secure a space in Intermediate Multiage.



Mark Your Calendars



*Open House Primary Multiage

Tuesday, March 13 1:15-2:00 pm

Thursday, March 15 9:30-10:30 am

*Open House Intermediate Multiage

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* Interested parents are invited to observe the Multiage classrooms during these times.

• PMA Parent Information Night

Monday, March 12 6:00-6:30 pm

• **Multiage Applications** will be available in Bethel's front office beginning **March 1st** for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are **due no later than Friday, March 23rd**. Limited spaces are available.