

# Santaquin Elementary

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Dear Parents,

As this year comes to a close, I want to thank you for all of your support and generosity. The many hours you spend volunteering in the classrooms and at school events clearly shows how invested you are in your child's education. I am so excited to be the Principal here at Santaquin next year and getting to know each and every one of you.

I know some of you are already thinking about next year and wondering what teacher your child will have. I have already received a few requests for teachers so I wanted to explain where I stand with teacher assignments and requests. My official stance is that I do not take teacher requests. I hope this letter helps you understand why I choose this stance. The goal of the school is to provide each child with the best educational experience possible. We recognize the importance of providing high quality instruction in a safe and nurturing environment.

The teachers have been working hard to create balanced classes with their current students for next year. They take into account such things as personalities, academics, behaviors, and special needs. This is a very intensive process that pays dividends in the end. The teachers know your children so well in this environment and work hard to place them with a group of students that best fits their needs. Our experience is that balanced classes make for a better experience for the students and the teachers. I will take on the responsibility of assigning teachers to those classes and making any adjustments based on the needs of specific students.

I recognize there are a few students who have very specific needs that need to be addressed. If you feel your child is one of these, you will need to come in and fill out a specific form in our front office. The opportunity to fill out this form will ONLY be next week available until May 26, 2018. Forms will not be sent home with student and no emails will be accepted. This window is a tight timeline and no input will be taken after this date. I will make sure your child's future teacher is able to meet his or her needs and provide high quality instruction. Thank you for all you do for the Santaquin Community.

Sincerely,  
Ien Richins