

The Counselor's Clipboard

Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons,

When I got the letter about my son's placements for this year, I was so confused! My friends and I have tried so many times to figure out how the children are grouped, and it seems to be a mystery! My son was so disappointed that he was not with his friends this year. I really wish he could be moved to the same homeroom with his friends. It would make my life a lot easier! So what gives?

*Signed,
Baffled in Baldwin*

Dear Baffled in Baldwin,

I know how frustrating this can be! Sometimes it seems like the teachers must just draw names out of a hat! But the reality is quite different. Many, many hours are dedicated to student placement. Our main focus is on academic achievement, and making sure that all students are grouped so that they can do their best. There are also other considerations, such as special education needs, and the scheduling of resource staff. Talk to your teacher or administrator if you continue to be concerned. Never fear! We have your child's interest at heart, and are eager to make the year a successful one for your child...and for you!

Sarah Fitzsimmons