

## TMS DISCOVERY DAY CAMP GROUPING POLICY

At TMS Discovery Day Camp, the grouping process begins with classifying children based on the last grade they completed (i.e. the grade level that they are enrolled in prior to the summer). In many areas of camp, we have the ability to further divide the campers based on their birth month, often placing campers together with children born within three months of each other.

It is critical that groups are created with an appropriate balance of campers who were connected prior to registering for the TMS discovery Day Camp (through previous camp, school or extracurricular experiences) with those that were not. Through our experience, we have discovered that this promotes the importance of “camp friendships” which leads to a new “circle of friends” that is often maintained throughout the year.

The importance of grouping cannot be overstated. It is for this reason that our director, Andrea Tomaso is personally involved in this process and will review any and all grouping requests that come into our office. As a parent you should be aware that there are a number of issues that may affect our ability to accommodate grouping requests:

- We need to know that the request is being made by the families of both campers, in writing, either on the application form or in a separate email sent to the camp office.
- In order to maintain the ratios that we have committed to upholding, our groups have a maximum number of spaces. To ensure that each group retains a diverse quality, we must limit the number of requests accommodated for any one group.
- As a parent, it is important for you to recognize that some friendships have the potential to interfere with a successful group dynamic. In the rare event that this occurs, we will work together with the families of affected children to achieve a reasonable resolution.