



# The Rolling Hills Multiage Learning Community



Meaningful learning within the Common Core Framework yields happy, productive students who become lifelong learners. These classrooms are State approved alternative programs within the Fullerton School District. The learning environment is creative and academically stimulating with strong parental involvement. Many branches of the same tree, helping kids to grow and learn; empowering them to reach their full potential socially, emotionally, and academically.

## Multiage Programs at Rolling Hills

- ABC K-3: Arts-Based Classrooms
- LTL K-3: Learning Through Literature
- MP3 K-3: Primary Multiage Parent Participation Program
- MP3 4-5: Upper Multiage Parent Participation Program
- 4-6 MA: Upper Grade Multiage

## **Social/Emotional and Academic Foundations**

- These student-centered programs encourage independent learners to grow at their own pace through structured learning choices and individual time management.
- Nurturing environment that encourages risk-taking with a family of learners.
- Promote character and life skill of perseverance, collaboration, creativity, responsibility, time management, self-motivation.
- Several years with the same teachers give students the gift of time to grow and develop to his or her full potential.
- Differentiated and Project-Based learning that stems from the needs and interests of the child.
- Students are encouraged to think independently, question, problem solve, and work collaboratively with their peers. Emphasis is placed on the intrinsic rewards of learning and striving for personal excellence.
- Students are highly involved in self-evaluation and reflection, goal setting, and make choices regarding their learning.
- Common Core Integrated Curriculum
- Parents are viewed as partners in their child's learning, and are highly involved in the program through their involvement in a variety of classroom-related activities.

## **Multiage Learning Community Options**

### **ABC K-3 (Arts Based Classroom)**

- Individualized Daily Plans, tailored to unique student interests and needs.
- Integrated arts experiences in drama (including annual musical play), music appreciation and performance, dance, and visual arts, including master artist and author appreciation studies.
- Passionate about providing creative expression, learning choices and hands-on experiences in the classroom.
- Meaningful and purposeful learning experiences organized across grade and ability levels with big/little buddies and various other groupings.
- Flexible parent volunteer opportunities

### **LTL K-3 (Learning Through Literature)**

- We use books as a springboard to all curricular areas including writing, reading, math, science, social studies, and art.
- Integrated units skillfully woven across all grade levels.
- Meaningful/hands-on learning experiences (writer's workshop, science experiments, buddy art, popcorn factory and consumer education).
- Weekly reading activities (partner reading, buddy reading, family reading, parent and student mystery readers, author's share).

### **MP3 K-3 (Primary Multiage Parent Participation Program)**

- Parent involvement is an essential component of our program; parents are involved in all aspects of the program.
- The arts are highly valued and integrated, including an annual musical.
- There is an emphasis on high-level thinking, problem solving, and academics in a joyful, nurturing environment.
- We weave authentic experiences into the curriculum to help make learning meaningful and relevant.

### **MP3 4-5 (Upper Multiage Parent Participation Program)**

- Parent involvement is an essential component of our program; parents are involved in all aspects of the program.
- The arts are highly valued and integrated, including an annual musical.
- There is an emphasis on high-level thinking, problem solving, and academics in a joyful, nurturing environment.
- We weave authentic experiences into the curriculum to help make learning meaningful and relevant.

### **Upper Multiage Learning Community 4-6 (Sangulo)**

Multiage classes are created when children of different ages and grade levels are intentionally combined in a single classroom to realize academic success, social development, and leadership opportunities.

At the end of each year, the older students move on to the next grade and a new group of students enters at the lower grade. This provides the opportunity for students to spend more than one year with our team of teachers, creating a family of learners.

Our program offers a unique way to prepare students to be successful academically, socially and emotionally as they advance through higher grades.

- In the 3 years, all the standards in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies for the three grade levels are taught.
- Instructional Grouping by Grade level for Math and ELA lessons, and Whole class grouping for writing, social studies, science, and literature lessons.
- A part of the day is dedicated to independent research and learning, which teaches our students to be independent workers who can self motivate and manage their time wisely.
- All students participate in a musical in the spring.

We maintain rigorous academic standards, while fostering a sense of community and connection between students in all 3 grades.