

Dear 3M Parents,

I am writing to inform you of an exciting change that will happen within the next couple of weeks. We will soon be incorporating flexible seating into our classroom! This means that when students are working, they will have the freedom to find comfortable spaces around the room to work. They might choose to stand, sit, lay, use a stool, a yoga ball, or maybe sit on a wobble chair while they work. We will have a lot of different options for students to choose a work space and seating option that will let them be the most comfortable to learn. This opportunity of flexible seating allows students to be able to move freely around the room and not be "tied" to sitting on a chair at a desk to learn.

In order to make flexible seating successful, each child will no longer have a desk. Instead, students will keep their supplies in what we now use as art boxes. Therefore, I ask that each child bring an art box that we can store on a shelf. I know most of you had small totes at the beginning of the year to use, so I ask that you bring those back! <sup>(C)</sup> We will now store all of our materials in our cubbies and on bookshelves.

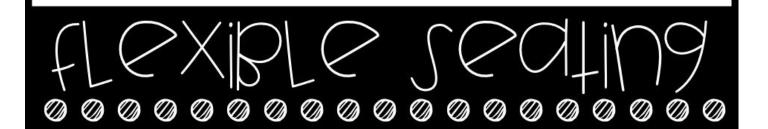
With the new seating options, we have discussed the expectations of flexible seating as a class.

- Choose a WORKING spot that helps you do your BEST! (SMART SPOT)
- If a space is not working for you, MOVE so you can do your best.
- Take care of our seating options. Clean up after yourself. Follow the expectations of each seat.
- Any teacher can move anyone at any time if they do not seem to be in a working, smart spot.

With these expectations, I ask that you and your child sign the contract agreeing to our Flexible Seating Expectations. Since one of the expectations is to take care of our different seating options, you and your child will be responsible to cover the cost of any damages to any of the seats that our PTO generously paid for.

I am looking forward to incorporating flexible seating into the classroom and I know the students are excited as well. This is something we have been using a little bit but now we will get to do it all the time! <sup>(2)</sup> Please ask if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you!

Kaylani Mercado



## **Flexible Seating Contract**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_ promise to use our classroom seating options the way they were designed to be used. Each day I will choose a Smart Spot where I can work hard and do my best.

I understand that our flexible seating options are here to help me learn and should be treated with respect like all classroom materials. I will follow the expectations of our Flexible Seating rules.

I am also responsible to cover the cost to any damaged materials or seats.

If Miss Mercado sees that I am not following this agreement, she can choose a new working space for you.

Name:	Date:	

Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_