Dear Parents of Anne M. Jeans Elementary School,

Next school year our teaching staff and students will be Looping. You might have already read about this practice in the March 17th Newsletter from Dr. LeBlanc. We are very excited that we are bringing back this educational practice for the 2012-2013 school year. These are a few of the frequently asked questions:

**So what is Looping and what does it have to do with me?**

*Looping is an educational practice in which a single graded class of children stays with their teacher for two years or grade levels. The children and the teacher remain together as the class is promoted. At the end of the second year in the pattern, the children move on to a new teacher while the looping teacher returns to the lower grade level to receive a new group of students.*

**What are the benefits of Looping Classrooms for students, parents, and teachers?**

*For students, the benefits of looping include reduced apprehension at starting a new school year, increased continuity, and more in-depth relationships with teacher and with peers (McClellan, 1995). For teachers, the benefits of looping consist of becoming familiar with other developmental stages of children, and working with students and parents for longer periods of time (Mazzuchi & Brooks, 1993). The long-term relationships established through looping have been shown to support student learning.*

We are confident this will be a successful experience for everyone. Parents who may have additional questions or concerns are welcome to contact Dr. LeBlanc or Mrs. Smith.