ELEMENTARY FULL-TIME QUEST

The Basics

- Classes are self-contained
- Students bused to the nearest full-time Quest site
- Students will receive all core instruction with one, primary classroom teacher
 - Math is separated by grade level
 - Curriculum typically taught a year above grade level
 - Two-year rotation, so as not to repeat content
 - Spiral learning to revisit skills that require mastery
 - Cross-curricular instruction/thematic learning

The Differences

- Your student will be with other students who are equally as capable
- Your student will be pushed and challenged
- Deep thinking → critical and creative thinking are emphasized
- Project-based learning
- Problem-solving
- Cooperative, group work and teamwork
- Discussion-based learning

Advice for Parents

- Your student is undergoing a large transition → be empathetic and listen
- Kids need to learn how to become independent and advocate for themselves
- Social skills and life skills are equally as important
- Praise effort over product
- Mistakes are valued → thinkers who take risks are innovators
- There needs to be balance and reasonable demands
 - Students need time to be kids, relax, and socialize

Some Advice From Students

- "When I first moved to Quest, my grades were quite low. Later, I improved. More advanced topics are taught, and I had to remind myself of that."
- "At first, your child might feel overwhelmed, but they will adjust and have fun!"
- "In Quest, a 3 means I am average for a grade level above. A 3 is actually really good!"
- "Quest isn't just about academics. Some parents think academics will get you through life. Quest is about challenging yourself not overwhelming yourself with 15 extra curricular activities."

Advice Cont.

- "Kids get burned out and need friend time, too!
- "Quest isn't 100% about education. It is also about making new friends. Support your child. They need it!"
- "It's amazing to be around kids like you."