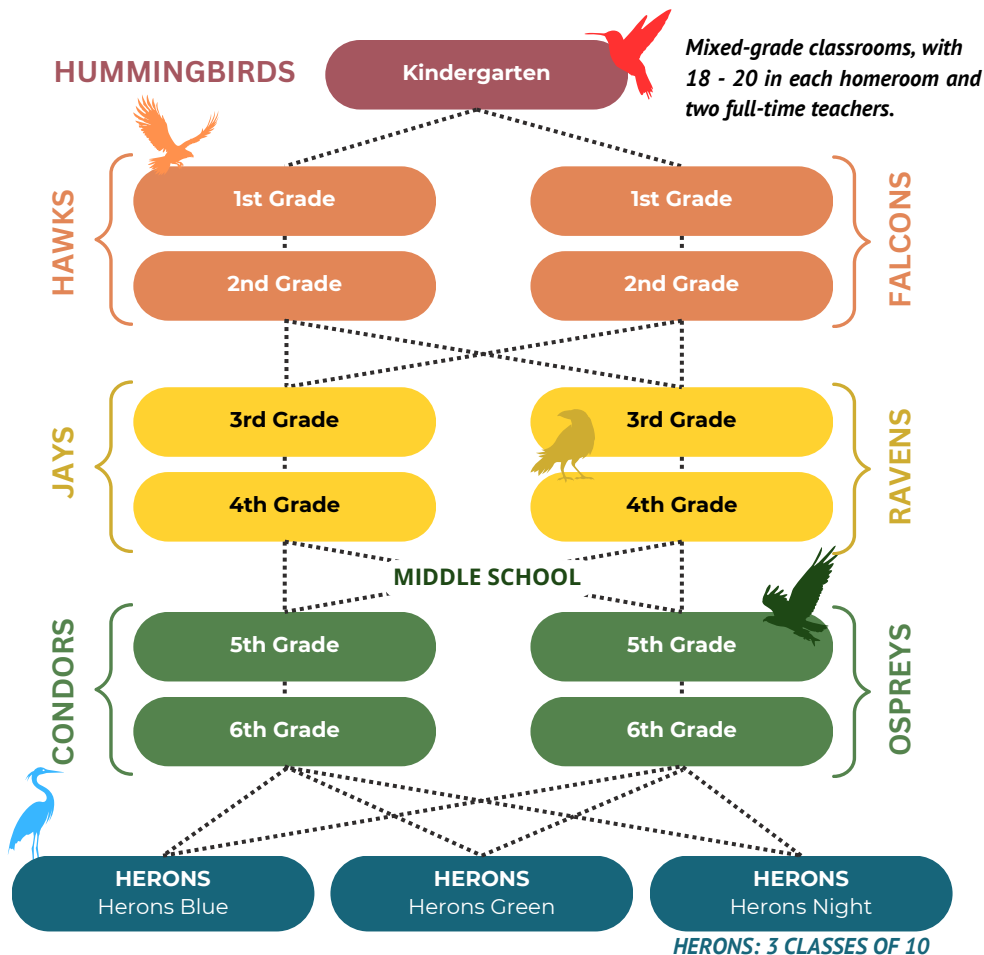


MIXED-GRADE CLASSROOMS

Mixed-grade classrooms offer a number of academic and social-emotional benefits. Most notably, students get to experience both leading and being led, and they get two years with the same set of teachers, allowing deeper connections.

After kindergarten, every Helios classroom is mixed-grade: 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, with two to three homerooms per gradeband. Students typically stay in their classroom for two years, after which their grade is shuffled/split again between the next classrooms.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- Classrooms are balanced by grade and gender. There is no “higher” and “lower” classroom.
- In any given classroom, half the class is “returning” (the youngsters becoming the olders), while half the class is new (the youngsters).