



Dear parents,

It's been brought to my attention that some of you did not receive a copy of the classroom rules, and behavior plan. I apologize if you already received this information, and for those of you that did not receive it, I also apologize! Hopefully now everyone will have the correct information.

There are three rules in our classroom. They are

1. Be Safe
2. Work Hard
3. Be Respectful

The reason for only three rules is that just about any rule that can be thought of can fit into one of the three above (not chewing gum, raising a hand to speak, no running in the room).

There is an immediate removal from the classroom if students are: Swearing, physically harming someone else, disrespecting the teacher, or bullying other students. The school has a zero tolerance policy for those actions.

For more minor infractions I have a system where each student has a cut out with their name on it on the board. When rules are broken their "person" cut out gets moved.

The first step is a warning. Second step is a loss of 5 minutes from recess. The third step is 10 minutes off recess. The fourth step involves losing recess and writing sentences. The fifth step is loss of recess, behavior plan, and a phone call home (made by them). The last step involves going to Mrs. Cook.

At this point in the year, I have not had anyone move their person beyond the first step. I believe more in working towards positive things rather than focusing on negative things. The students all work together to earn extra minutes of recess, the opportunity to come back to the room on Friday for lunch, and they work as a class to determine the number of raffle tickets that I will pull each Friday for the "chance" raffle.

If you have any questions please let me know. I have found this plan to be fair and consistent with what the other fifth grade classrooms do. My plan and Mrs. Hill's are very similar, and Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Hotchkiss have something similar using fries.

Thank you!