

## *Classroom Behavior*

Welcome back to school! I am very excited about sharing this special year with your child. Our year together will be filled with much learning and many wonderful events.

It is my belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn in a non-threatening, comfortable environment that promotes learning. I also believe that children have the right to be treated in a positive and supportive way. Therefore, disruptions by students will be handled in a consistent, timely, and fair manner.

Each child has a labeled clothes pin clip with their number on our behavior chart. Our chart has five stations, and three colors. On green are "Ready to Learn," and "Great Behavior." On yellow are "Think About it," and then "Teacher's Choice." Finally, after Teacher's Choice is, Parent Contact. Parent Contact will happen through email the first time, phone the second time, and a conference with Mrs. Akins is the third. Students are given two verbal warnings when misbehavior occurs. After the two warnings, I will speak to him/her about the rule that has been broken and the student will move to "Think About it." If misbehavior continues, they move to "Teacher's Choice." Under Teacher's Choice I will decide if they lose recess time, have silent lunch, or another loss of privilege.

The child will also document in the discipline log the behavior which caused the loss of each color. If a student has landed on Parent contact more than three times in one week, a parent conference may be scheduled. I expect that all children will have to move their clips occasionally. Please do not expect perfection from your child; following rules takes practice and this is all part of the learning process. My main objective for using this type of discipline system is to help the students learn what is and is not appropriate in terms of their behavior.

The last column in your child's student planner will be used to document behavior. If your child has lost a card or cards, I will mark on the planner the color that he/she ended up on that day. Our class has 7 basic rules that we will follow. They are as follows:

1. We treat others as Jesus would.
2. We obey all school rules.
3. We use our mouths, hands, and feet for helping, not hurting.
4. We listen quietly and follow directions.
5. We respect others and our school.
6. We use our manners, share and take turns.
7. We work and play safely.

Please review the planner/agenda book on a daily basis to keep track of homework assignments and to discuss behavior with your child. Ask questions, talk about possible trouble spots, and praise your child for accomplishments made during the week.

Please remind your child to leave all toys and other unnecessary items at home. Any items that are brought out in class will be placed in or on my desk and can be retrieved at the end of the year. The items will remain in there until the end of the school year unless a parent comes to pick them up from me. If your child attends extended care or another daycare and brings toys etc. to play with while there, he/she must leave the items in his/her backpack during school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please take a few minutes to go over the information above with your child.

I look forward to working with you to make this a positive, happy, learning-filled year for your child! Please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email ([madeline.williams@saintmaryschool.net](mailto:madeline.williams@saintmaryschool.net)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Mrs. Madeline Williams*