

Classroom Expectations

Our classroom expectations match very closely to our school-wide expectations. Here are our 4 classroom expectations:

- Be Respectful.
- Be Responsible.
- Be Safe.
- Be your Best.

We have spent the past few days talking about each of these 4 expectations and will continue through the year. They are posted in our room (see picture below) for myself and students to reference through-out the day.



When students make choices that show they are NOT being respectful, responsible, safe or doing their best, they will be asked if they are "Above the Line" or "Below the Line." This gives students a chance to do quick reflection of whether they are making a positive choice or if they need to change their choices. If your child gets three reminders within a given subject time, they may receive a "minor" report which just means the student and myself will sit down and talk about choices and document the choices they made and what they can do differently. If a student receives three "minor" reports in the classroom within a close amount of time, they will be also talking with Mrs. Shoppa. It is my hope that with asking students to reflect upon their behavior or choices, they will be able to fix it.

One of the activities that we did was a phrase sort that either described the correct expectation or the incorrect expectation. You will notice that there is a lot of overlap between the expectations. The descriptions on the left side of the table would be examples of "Above the Line" choices, while descriptions on the right side would be examples of "Below the Line." On the next 2 pages, you will see how we described each of the classroom expectations.

Be Respectful

What it means to be RESPECTFUL...	We need to try again to be RESPECTFUL...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*keeping your body (hands/feet) to yourself*working quietly*being an active listener (eyes on the speaker, hands free, mouths closed, ears turned on, body is still)*walking with a level O in the hallway*sitting like a first grader at your desk and carpet spot*raising your hand*getting work done*cleaning up after yourself*giving friends personal space*using materials correctly*standing in line with my eyes forward, hands by my side and voice at a level O*asking before taking something*using your manners*treating other friends how you want to be treated*using kind and caring words and actions*helping others*sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*talking during work time*lying*stealing*running in the classroom or hallway*talking at the carpet when the teacher or a friend is talking to the class*interrupting*rolling your eyes*making noises*blurting out*not being an active listener*not finishing work*leaving a mess*ignoring or not following directions*not using materials correctly

Be Responsible

What it means to be RESPONSIBLE...	We need to try again to be RESPONSIBLE...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*participating in class*working quietly*being an active listener (eyes on the speaker, hands free, mouths closed, ears turned on, body is still)*following directions*raising your hand*completing work*sitting like a first grader at your desk and carpet*asking questions if you don't understand or need help*being honest and telling the truth*taking ownership in your actions*using materials correctly*returning homework, notes and library books*following classroom routines*lining up in line order spot*worrying about ourselves*using kind and caring words and actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*talking during work time*making noises*not being an active listener*blurting or interrupting*lying*stealing*running*tipping in your chair*not getting work finished*not following directions*using materials incorrectly*cheating*copying someone else's work*tattling

Be Safe

What it means to be SAFE...	We need to try again to be SAFE...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*using materials correctly*walking*sitting like a first grader*following directions*body, hands and feet are to yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*not using materials correctly*running*tipping in your chair*not listening to directions or following the given directions*lying*stealing*throwing things*touching friends

Be your Best

What it means to be your BEST...	We need to try again to be our BEST...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">*sitting like a first grader*trying your hardest*being an active listener (eyes on the speaker, hands free, mouths closed, ears turned on, body is still)*following directions*getting work done*taking your time*coloring in the lines*writing neatly (use the handwriting lines)*asking before taking things*worrying about ourselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*giving up or not trying when something is hard*not listening*scribbling*writing sloppy*talking during work time*rushing through work*taking things without asking*tattling or not worrying about ourselves