

Dear caregivers,

Now that the school year has gotten off to a great start, I want to share with you about the rules for behavior in our class. Every child can succeed and can follow the rules of the class, but it is important for them to have a say in the rules. This is why our class has spent the last two weeks making class rules and talking about the ways each person is expected to act in school. Please see the back of this paper for our rules that the class has created and agreed to follow.

If a child breaks a rule, he or she should understand why that behavior is a problem and, if possible, find a way to fix the problem. This is why our class is currently discussing problem solving, finding ways to keep problems from happening, and fixing friendships that could be hurt by problems between children. Please talk with your child about what he or she is learning and how these ideas work in your family.

If a child does break a rule, he or she may have to face a consequence that fits the broken rule, such as losing time on the computer for not following computer rules. I will also talk with the child about why the behavior was a problem and how the problem can be avoided in the future. Everyone makes mistakes, and learning from those mistakes is an important part of growing up.

I am enjoying getting to know your child! You, as a caregiver, are a very important part of your child's growth, and I am looking forward to partnering with you this year! Please call, email, or visit me if you have any questions or concerns; I would be happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,

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Class Rules

Ms. Sloan's Third Grade Class

- 1) Respect others.
- 2) Raise your hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.
- 3) Listen carefully when others are talking.
- 4) Make safe decisions.
- 5) Do not take items that do not belong to you.
- 6) Pay attention and follow directions.
- 7) Always be ready to help a friend.
- 8) Be responsible for yourself; do not blame other people for your decisions.
- 9) Follow all school rules.
- 10) Always be ready to learn!