

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Classroom Clip Chart Behavior System

For the next year, our classrooms will become our "home away from home" and a safe learning environment is a priority. Following rules is a great way to build that positive learning community. In our classrooms, all students are expected to follow the school's core values which are: **be safe, be responsible, be respectful and do the best you can.** We must remember that we are all learners. Mistakes will be made, but everyday brings a new beginning!

Our classroom behavior system encourages and guides students to make positive choices about their behavior. This enables them to develop self-discipline, good work habits, resolve conflicts peacefully, and think critically and independently.

We will be using a clip chart to monitor our choices. The clip chart is divided into 7 sections and each day students will start out in the middle, "Ready to Learn." Good choices will enable students to move up on the clip chart, and poor choices will cause students to move down. Clothespins are moved up or down depending on choices. Clips that are moved down may be moved back up if the teacher sees the student making improved choices. In addition, once a clip is moved up, it may be moved down. All clothespins are moved back to green at the end of the day. Please keep in mind that your child may not move every single day. For them to move up, they must go above and beyond their behavior choices! **Parents, please see below for an explanation of the levels on our clip chart.**

Outstanding	If you move to Outstanding, you'll get to decorate your clip.
Great Job	As you continue to make good choices, you'll advance to "Great Job!"
Good Day	Making good choices will help you move up to the "Good Day" section of our chart.
Ready to LEARN!	You will get to start out each day on "Ready to Learn". You will move your clip up or down depending on your choices each day.
Think about it	If you receive a reminder/verbal warning and you continue to make poor choices, you will move your clip down to help you remember to "Think about it."
Oh, No, Wait!	If you continue to make poor choices, you will move to "Oh, No, Wait!". At this stage, the teacher will choose an appropriate and short intervention.
Parent Contact	If you still choose to make bad choices, you will move to "Parent Contact". Once again, the teacher will choose an appropriate intervention and she will contact your parents regarding your behavior.

We believe this will be a positive way for students to monitor their choices and will give them behavior goals to strive for! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!

The Kindergarten Team