

Dear Families,

Here is a look at the behavior management system for our classroom. Each day, the students will start on "Ready to Learn." Throughout the day, they can move up the clip chart to "Great Effort," "Excellent Choices," and "Outstanding" by making great choices (like following the classroom rules and showing good citizenship). Keep in mind that they can also move down the clip chart by choosing behaviors that do not follow our classroom rules (by being disrespectful or making choices that are not safe). The first clip down is "Think About It," where students receive a warning for their actions. If they are able to turn their behavior around, they have the opportunity to move their clip back up the chart. No one is ever "stuck" in one place.

However, if the misbehaving continues, they will have to move their clip down to "Make Better Choices" where they will have to think about their actions and talk with me about their behavior and why it is not appropriate. If their clip is moved all the way down to "Parent Contact" then an "Oops Note" will be sent home explaining the student's actions and choices that were made that day. Oops Notes will need to be signed and returned to school the next day. If a student ends the day with an Oops Note twice in one week, I will contact you to discuss your child's behavior.

Each day, the students will document how their day was using their behavior calendar in their Take Home Binder. There is a color-coded key on the bottom of the calendar so you know how they ended each school day. There is also a place for students to set a personal goal for themselves for the month. For example, a goal might be "to stay on green or higher everyday day for one week" or "to move their clip all the way to purple 3 times." This should be an attainable goal that they can strive to reach. There is also a place to write down what they earn if they reach their goal. If you need help thinking of some rewards, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Van Dyke