

Dear parents,

Welcome to a wonderful school year! I am so excited to be teaching fourth grade at Oak Grove! We have a frog theme in our classroom, so you'll probably see a lot of frog-related things coming home!!

You will find our classroom rules and how I handle discipline in this letter. Please feel free to contact me with comments, questions or concerns.

There are four expectations/rules in our classroom. They are:

1. Be Safe
2. Work Hard
3. Be Respectful
4. Love Yourself

While I have very high expectations that all students will do the right thing at all times, I do have a management system for our room. Each student has a "person" cut out with their name on it on the board. When one of our expectations/rules is broken, the student will move their "person" into the appropriate pouch.

The first step is a verbal warning. Usually this is all that is needed to redirect someone that might have lost their focus. If a verbal warning isn't helpful for the student, they will have to move their person into Hop One.

If the behavior continues, your child will move their person into HOP TWO.

The third step (HOP THREE) is when your child will call you to inform you of their choices.

The final step (HOP FOUR) involves moving their person into the final pouch and being sent to Mrs. Turner. Your child will have already called you (HOP THREE), so you will already be aware of a problem.

Anytime that your child has to move their person, there will be a note that comes home to inform you about the problem.

I have never had a student get past Hop Two. At the end of the day, all people are emptied from the pouches and we start over the next day as a brand new day.

Once a person has been put on the board it will take one week of not moving the person for any reason, for it to go back off the board. All students should strive to get their person off the board for the whole year.

I believe more in working towards positive things rather than focusing on negative things. The students work together to earn extra minutes of recess, the opportunity to come back to the room on Friday for lunch, and they work as a class to determine the number of raffle tickets that I will pull each Friday for the "chance" raffle. I have a prize box that is full of awesome prizes (no candy). Every child will get to pick from the prize box at least once during the year.

We are also going to have "Warm Fuzzy Fridays" and we will become "Bucket Fillers." More information is available on our classroom website.

I have a website that I have worked very hard to create. It would be wonderful if you would bookmark it and refer to it as often as needed. I will have all weekly newsletters posted, a calendar of events (specific for our classroom), information about the curriculum, slideshows of events happening in the classroom, birthday information, star student information and a ton of helpful games and links for you as a parent to use. My website address is: <http://steveandcat.net/mrswalker>.

Again, I look forward to working with you to ensure that this is the best year possible for your child. We are a team and together we are going to make sure that 2007-2008 is the best year ever!!

Thank you!

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