

Mrs. Cook's Behavior Management System

Our classroom employs a clip chart behavior management system adapted from the clip chart system developed by Rick Morris. This system promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor their behavior.

How it works...

- ♥ Each student has a clothespin labeled with his/her name, and begins the day clipped to the center of the chart labeled "Ready to Learn".
- ♥ During the course of the day, students have the opportunity to move their clothespin up or down the chart according to their behavioral choices—"clip up" or "clip down".
- ♥ Positive behavior choices allows the student to move his/her clothespin up one level; conversely, inappropriate behavior choices cause the clothespin to move down one level.

Clip Chart Advantages...

- ♥ Students are acknowledged for positive behavior choices.
- ♥ Students feel a sense of accomplishment when they make good behavior choices and have the opportunity to "clip up".
- ♥ Students who had had to "clip down" always have the opportunity to improve and clip up later in the day, thus they continue to stay motivated to make positive behavior choices.

Our Chart...

Pink	Role Model: Two Punches on Card for Behavior Catalog and a sticker or stamp!
Purple	Great Effort/Great Day: Two Punches on Card for Behavior Catalog
Blue	Good Work/Good Choices: One Punch on Card for Behavior Catalog
Green	This is where everyone begins their day
Yellow	Reminder/Slow Down
Orange	Think About It: 5 minutes off recess
Red	Oh No! Stop!: 10 minutes off recess/phone call home

♥♥Extreme Behaviors may result in immediate parent contact or a visit to Mr. Feldmann.

Parent Communication...

Your child will color a box on his/her monthly behavior calendar at the end of each day indicating where he landed on our clip chart. The behavior calendar will be stapled in your child's Take-Home Folder. Please review your child's behavior chart daily. If your child ends on yellow, orange or red, he/she will have a code indicating why they reached this level. Please keep this in your child's folder at all times.

Punches and Behavior Catalog...

Students who end the day on blue, purple and pink have the opportunity to earn punches on their behavior punch cards. Once students earn ten punches, they can shop from our Best Behavior Catalog. Some examples of choices in the catalog are: switch desks with a friend, eat lunch with the teacher, wear a crazy hat, be the line leader, be the teacher's helper, plus many more! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this behavior management system.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cook