



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is participating in an important district initiative. It is called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a school-wide system that includes proactive strategies for teaching, modeling, and reinforcing appropriate student behavior. We are using this program to help our students have a safe, positive learning environment and to provide consistency in all areas of our school.

Your student is taught behavior expectations by their classroom teacher and by the school counselor. Every adult in the building reinforces students when they meet the behavior expectation and reteaches when they need a reminder of what to do.

Our school-wide behavior expectations fall under our school rules, which are:

1. We follow directions.
2. We are responsible.
3. We are respectful.

When your student follows the rules they can earn 3W tickets. Each day a 3W ticket is drawn from each classroom. The student whose name is drawn is able to choose from a menu of rewards based on things they like to do or if they want a prize. We also reward classrooms by giving out Compliment Cards when the whole class is caught doing something good.

We have a school-wide system of consequences. If a student doesn't follow instruction after they are given a warning then they are sent to Think Time to complete a behavior reflection sheet. If they do not complete the sheet, they are given a Buddy Room pass and sent to another teacher's classroom to finish the sheet. If a student is sent to the Buddy room you will get a letter sent home to sign or a phone call. Teachers may also take away part of recess or have the student do restitution. Students are occasionally put on trackers to help them get timely feedback on what their behavior has been during different times of the day.

In addition to rewards for good behavior, your student can get rewards for good attendance. Each term your student has the opportunity to earn a coupon if they have 100% attendance for the term. In addition to the school incentives, students can be entered to win prizes from the district for perfect attendance. Those students with perfect attendance for the entire school year will be celebrated at the end-of-the-year assembly. Classes can earn celebrations as well for no tardies and best attendance in the school.

As part of the teaching on being respectful, students are taught bully prevention using the Second Step Program. In this program, students are taught to first recognize if something is bullying versus a one time mean occurrence. They then have the choice to refuse the bullying or go report it either as the victim or as a bystander. We encourage students to get along and problem-solve themselves before going to the teacher.

We encourage your student to make good behavior choices and come to school each day. We appreciate your encouragement at home to do the same.

Sincerely,
Shadow Valley Faculty