

# Classroom Rules for Station 15, 2009-2010

## 1. We are here to learn.

- Bring all the supplies you need, every day, including a silent reading book.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called on before talking.
- Body language is important. During a lesson, sit like you're ready to learn.
- Don't fold paper, make paper airplanes, play with glue, etc. without permission.
- No toys are allowed. (If you're playing with it like it's a toy, it's a toy.)
- When I'm teaching or talking to the class, students are to stay seated and quiet. There is to be no talking, getting up to use the pencil sharpener, filling water bottles. If you need to talk to me or ask a question, stay in your seat, raise your hand, and wait for me to call on you. If you need to come up and talk to me quietly, ask me. (EXCEPTION: If there's an emergency – someone is bleeding, choking, having a heart attack, etc. – you are to get my attention in any way possible, no matter what I'm doing. Come up and tug on my sleeve if you have to.)
- When I'm not teaching or talking to the class you may get up to use the pencil sharpener, fill your water bottle.
- If I'm at my desk and the class is working, you can come and talk to me without raising your hand.
- You are to go to the bathroom and get a drink before school and during recess – not during class. I'll give you a bathroom pass once a week. If you need to leave class more than once you'll have to stay after school for 5 minutes. If you need an exception to this rule due to medical reasons, talk to me in private.
- Water bottles are allowed and encouraged. (Our drinking fountain doesn't work.) However, they must have a cap or a lid so that they won't spill if they get knocked over. Don't talk with your water bottle in your mouth – it's rude. You may only fill them with water – no soda, juice, etc.
- I don't allow students to fill water bottles right after recess.
- Students must keep their desktops uncluttered.
- When correcting an assignment from a book, all students will have the book open to the proper page.
- All cell phones must be turned off and kept in backpacks.

## 2. We are careful.

- Don't tip back in your chair.
- Don't throw things in the classroom.
- Push in your chair when you get up, so no one will trip over it.
- Don't stand on chairs. Don't climb on anything that wasn't meant to be climbed on.
- Never touch the paper cutter.

## 3. We cooperate.

- Give help to anyone who needs it, and accept help from anyone who offers it, without making faces, expressing your disdain with body language, etc. I won't force you to like anyone, but I will expect you to be civil to everyone and be willing to work with them.

- Work together to solve problems. Do rock, paper, scissors; take turns, flip a coin, vote, etc.

## 4. We respect each other.

- Don't insult anyone, tease anyone, or purposely embarrass anyone. Use respectful language when you talk to or about someone.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Use appropriate language. Don't use swear words or crude language. Err on the side of caution. I don't allow kids to say "Shut up", or that something "sucks". I don't allow kids to say "Oh my God." ("Oh my gosh" is fine.)
- Don't chew gum at school, or chew paper, pen tops, etc.
- Use good manners, including saying 'please', 'thank you', 'you're welcome', 'excuse me', and 'I'm sorry.' If I give you something and you don't say thank you within three seconds, I will take it back, and I may not give it to you ever again.

## 5. We take care of the school (including our classroom.)

- I will give you school supplies paid for with school funds, like pencils, pens, etc. If you purposely break them you won't be given any more.
- Don't play with paper clips or pins. If you find one, raise your hand and give it to me. If you need one of these for a legitimate purpose, ask and I'll give you one.
- Don't write on the walls, on your desk, in your books, or any other inappropriate place.
- Don't stick, tape, or glue anything to your desk without permission.
- Don't touch any one else's things without permission. This includes things on my desk or around the room.
- Don't play with tape! If you need some tape for something legitimate, ask.
- Try to keep all your books, papers, desks, and everything else in as good condition as possible.

### Not Allowed In My Classroom:

- Mechanical pencils
- Erasable pens
- Sharpies or other permanent markers. (If you need to use one, ask.)
- Whiteout
- School supplies that resemble toys