

Rule 1:

Yes Ma'am, No Sir.

When Responding to any adult, you must answer by saying "Yes ma'am" or "No, sir." Just nodding your head or saying any other form of yes or no is not acceptable.

Rule 2:

Make Eye Contact

When someone is speaking, keep your eyes on him or her at all times. If someone makes a comment, turn and face that person.

Rule 3:

Good Sportsmanship

If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, we will congratulate that person. Claps should be of at least 3 seconds in length with the full part of both hands meeting in a manner that will give the appropriate clap volume.

Rule 4:

Discussion Rules

During discussion, respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas. When possible, make statements like, "I agree with Marquise, and I also feel that..." Or "I disagree with Natasha. She made a good point, but I feel that..." or "I think Sabastain made an excellent observation, and it made me realize..."

Rule 5:

Do Not Brag

If you win or do well at something, do not brag. If you lose, do not show anger. Instead, say something like, "I really enjoyed the competition, and I look forward to playing you again," or "Good game," or don't say anything at all. To show anger or sarcasm, such as "I wasn't playing hard anyway. You really aren't that good," shows weakness.

Rule 6:

Conversation

When asked a question in conversation, you should ask a question in return. If someone asks, "Did you have a nice weekend?" you should answer the question and then ask a question in return.

an example Mrs. Lewis: "Hi Angie, did you have a nice weekend?" Angie: Yes, I had a great time. My family and I went shopping. What about you? Did you have a nice weekend? It is only polite to show others that you are just as interested in them as they are in you.

Rule 7:

Coughing, Sneezing Burping

When you cough, sneeze or burp, it is appropriate to turn your head away from others and cover your mouths with the full part of your hand (or arm). Using a fist is not acceptable.

Afterwards, you should say, "Excuse me."

Rule 8:

Smacking Your Lips

Do not smack your lips, tsk, roll your eyes, or show disrespect with gestures.

Rule 9:

Say Thank You

Always say thank you when I give you something. If you do not say it within three seconds after receiving the item, I will take it back.

Rule 10:

Receiving a Gift

When you are given something from someone, never insult that person by making negative comments about the gift or by insinuating that it wasn't appreciated.

Rule 11:

Random Acts of Kindness

Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness. Go out of your way to do something surprisingly kind and generous for someone at least once a month.

Rule 12:

Grading Papers

Occasionally we may grade each other's papers as a group. When grading other student's papers, if you give someone an incorrect grade, whether it is higher or lower than they deserve, the amount of the grade differs from the actual grade will be deducted from your paper. The only marks you are allowed to make on others' papers are an "X" and the number they got wrong.

Rule 13:

Reading Aloud

When we read together in class, you **MUST** follow along. If I call on you to read, you must know exactly where we are and begin reading immediately.

Rule 14:

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

Answer all questions in complete sentences. For example; if the question asks, "What is the capital of Washington?" you should write "The capital of Washington is Olympia."

Also, in conversation with others, it is important to use complete sentences out of respect for the person's question. For example, if a person asks "How are you?" instead of just responding by saying "Fine." you should say, "I'm doing fine, thank you. How about yourself?"

Rule 15:

Rewards

At times throughout the year, I will give rewards for good behavior, academic performances, and other acts worthy of praise. If you EVER ask me for a reward however, it will not be given. It is rude to ask if you are getting something for good behavior. You should be good and try your best because you are trying to better yourself, not because you are anticipating a reward. I usually give some sort of reward to everyone who scores 100% on unit tests. If you make 100% and ask if you are getting something NO ONE who made 100 will be given anything.

Rule 16:

Homework

Homework will be turned in each day for each subject by every students with no exceptions. When every student in the class has turned in their homework for 10 days straight I will bring a treat for every student in the class. I will do this for every consecutive day homework is turned in.

Rule 17:

Transitions

When we are in transition from one subject to another, the change will be swift, quiet, and orderly. We should be consistently able to turn from one book to another, complete with all homework and necessary materials, as quickly as possible. The opportune amount of time to spend on transition should be less than 10 seconds, we will work towards a goal of 7 seconds.

Rule 18:

Organization

You will make every effort to be as organized as possible.

This includes: the neatness of your desk and the area around it as well as the order of your notebook/binder.

Rule 19:

Complaining

When I assign homework, there will be no moaning or complaining. This will result in a doubled assignment. If it is not possible to assign a doubled assignment, other work will be assigned.

Rule 20:

The Sub Clause

While you are with a substitute teacher, you will obey the same rules that you follow when I'm with you. (I know this is hard, but it is important.)

Rule 21:

Protocols

We will follow certain classroom protocols. We will be organized, efficient, and on task. In

order to do so, we will follow these rules: Do not get out of your seat without permission. (exception - if you are sick, leave immediately. Do not speak unless: You raise your hand, and I call on you. I ask you a question and you are responding. It is

recess or lunch. I instruct you otherwise (for ex. During group work.)

Sharpen your pencil before school. Take care of your business before school. Always have a silent reading book available. If you are near the end of your book, get an extra!

Rule 22:

Water & food

You may bring a bottle of water and leave it on your desk. Do not ask me if you can get water while I am teaching a lesson. You can even have food at your desk as long as others don't see it and don't hear you eat it (any student who leaves a mess loses this privilege.)

Additionally - When we are in line do NOT stop at any water fountains. GUM - it is against school rules to chew gum. Chewing gum will result in an immediate detention. Water is the only beverage allowed in the classroom, except for at class celebrations.

Rule 23:

Learn Names Quickly

Learn the names of other teachers in the school and greet them by saying things like "Good morning, Mrs. Smith." or "Good afternoon, Mrs. Jones. That is a pretty sweater." (Note. If you are in line with the rest of the class, you are not allowed to speak to the teachers at that time because the no-talking rule is in effect. You should speak to other teachers if you are entering or leaving school, on recess, on an errand, or changing classes.

Rule 24:

The Bathroom

Wash your hands after using the rest room. When in a public restroom, get a paper towel before washing your hands. After washing your hands, use the paper towel to turn off the faucets and press the dispenser to get another paper towel to dry your hands. (Or use the towel to press the button to start the dryer.) The last thing you want to do is touch areas with clean hands that others have touched with dirty hands.

Rule 26:

Do Not Save Seats

Do not save seats in the lunchroom. If someone wants to sit down, let him or her. Do not try to exclude anyone. We are a family, and we must treat each other with respect and kindness.

Rule 27:

Look Away

If I, or any other teacher in the school is speaking to or disciplining a student, do not look at that student. You wouldn't want others looking at you if you were in trouble or being reprimanded, so don't look at others in that situation. If you are the student I am talking to, do not get angry or fuss at students who are looking at you. Let me know and I will handle the situation.

Rule 29:

ABCs of Etiquette

There are several manners dealing with food that you must follow: I call these the ABCs of Etiquette.

Rule 30:

Clean up after yourself

After we eat, we will clean up after ourselves. This includes cleaning off the tables and making sure we haven't left any trash on the floor or around the eating area. It is important to be responsible for your trash no matter where you are and to be sure not to litter.

Rule 32:

The Bus

When we ride on a bus, we will always sit facing forward. We will use an appropriate volume. We will never turn around to talk to other students, stick anything out the windows, or get out of our seats. When we exit the bus, we will always thank the bus driver and tell him to have a good day.

Rule 33:

Field trips

When we go on field trips, we will meet different people. When I introduce you to the people, make sure that you remember their names. Then, when we are leaving, make sure to shake their hands and thank them, mentioning their names as you do so.

Rule 34:

Food

Whenever food is offered, whether it be on a buffet or treats in class, never take more than your fair share. You never want to be greedy and try to get more than you should, not only because it is wasteful, but also because it is disrespectful to others when you do not leave enough for them.

Rule 35:

Pick it Up

Whether we are in school or on a field trip, if someone drops something, pick it up and hand it back to them. Even if they are closer to the object, it is only polite to make the gesture of bending down to retrieve the item.

Rule 36:

Doors

If you approach a door and someone is following you, hold the door. If the door opens by pulling, pull it open, stand to the side, and allow the other person to pass through first, then you can walk through. If the door opens by pushing, hold the door after you pass through.

Rule 37:

Excuse Me

If someone bumps into you, even if it was not your fault, say

"Excuse me."

Rule 38:

Silent Entry

When we are on a field trip, there will be no talking as we enter a building. We will enter the building so quietly that no one will even notice we are there. This rule applies to entering any place where people are gathered, whether it be the movies, a church, a theater, or any other venue. It also applies to returning to school.

Rule 39:

Compliments

When we are on a field trip, it is a good idea to compliment something about the place where we visit. For example, if we visit someone's home, it would be a nice gesture to tell them that you think they have nice curtains. People always feel self-conscious when they have guests visit their home, so you want to make them feel at ease. Also, if we are visiting other places, such as a museum or theater, it would be nice to comment on how beautiful the architecture is or to tell the guide that you think the facility is very nice.

Rule 40:

Assemblies

During an assembly, do not speak and do not look around and try to get the attention of your friends in another class.

We must uphold an image that shows we have our act together.

Rule 42:

After a Trip

When we return from a trip, you will shake my hand as well as the hand of every other chaperone. You will thank us for taking the time to take you on the trip, and you will let us know that you appreciate having the opportunity to go. I am not concerned with being thanked; I am concerned with teaching you that it is appropriate to show appreciation when someone has gone out of his way to help you.

Rule 44:

In Line

When in line, walk single file, two or three feet behind the person in front of you with your arms at your sides. You should be facing forward at all times. There will be absolutely no talking.

On the stairs - You will walk on the right hand side of the stairs. You will hold the rail. When we stop - the same rules apply as when we are moving. Do not lean on the wall, do not touch the walls.

Rule 45:

Cutting

Never cut in line. If someone cuts in front of you, do not say or do anything about it. Let it happen, but let me know about it. I will handle the situation. If you fuss with someone who has cut in line, you will get in trouble as well. It's not worth it; just let me know what happened.

Please handle ALL disputes with other classmates in the same manner, by coming to me with any problems before you take matters into your own hands. If you take matters into your own hands, you will be in just as much, if not more trouble than the original offender.

Rule 46:

Movies

When we watch a movie in class- There will be no talking whatsoever. I don't care how good the movie is or what you want to say to the person behind you, you will not so much as whisper!
(exceptions: bless you excuse me) You will not put your feet on the chair in front of you.

If you are going to eat during a movie, you need to eat as quietly a possible. If you purchase candy to eat during the movie, open the wrapper and have it ready before the movie starts: trying to open a bag of candy during a movie is very annoying to others. It is also very rude to leave a cell phone on during a movie.

Rule 48:

Other Students

If any child in this school is bothering you, let me know. I am your teacher, and I am here to look after you and protect you. I am not going to let anyone in this school bully you or make you feel uncomfortable. In return, I ask that you not take matters into your own hands; let me deal with the student.

Rule 49:

Stand Up for what you Believe in

Stand up for what you believe in. You shouldn't take no for an answer if your heart and mind are leading you in a direction that you feel strongly about.

Rule 50:

Be Positive

Be positive and enjoy life. Some things just aren't worth getting upset over. Keep everything in perspective and focus on the good in your life.

Rule 51.

No Regrets

Live so that you will never have regrets. If there something you want to do, do it! Never let fear, doubt, or other obstacles stand in your way. If there is something you want, fight for it with all your heart. If there is something you want to do, go for it and don't stop until you make it happen. If there is something you want to be, do whatever is necessary in order to to live out that dream.

Rule 52:

Accept Mistakes

Accept that you are going to make mistakes. Learn from them
and move on.

Rule 53:

Be Honest

No Matter what the circumstances, always be honest. Even if you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it to me, because I will respect that, and oftentimes I will forget any disciplinary measures because of your honesty.

Rule 54:

Carpe Diem

You only live today once, so don't waste it. Life is made up of special moments, many of which happen when caution is thrown to the wind and people take actions and seize the day.

Carpe diem - Latin for Seize the Day

Rule 55:

Be the Best Be the best person you can be.

By being the best you can be, we will be the best class we
can be.