



ClassDojo

Dear Parents and Families,

This year, I will now be using a web-based program called Class Dojo to help track student behavior in place of our clip chart. In Class Dojo, students can earn points for positive behaviors such as being on task, following directions, helping others, etc. Students can also lose points for negative behaviors such as being off task, not following directions, etc. (Only parents and teachers of the students have access to the data.) Students will earn or lose points throughout the day for the behavior listed in our homeroom's Class Dojo. Using the Class Dojo program is an excellent communication tool to help keep parents updated about their child's behavior.

Once you have joined our class you will be able to check your child's progress anytime. You will also be emailed a report every Friday. Parents love having instant access to how their child is doing. Another great feature of Class Dojo is the ability for me to send messages to parents.

We will award and deduct points in a variety of ways:

- Whole Class or Small Group Work: points can be given to or taken from an entire group or class at once for a behavior or participation
- Individual: points can be given to or taken from an individual student for their personal behavior or participation
- Randomized Checks: a random student can be selected by the computer, then the teacher will award points or deduct points based on their behavior at the current moment
- Non-Homeroom Teacher reports: When another adult in the building reports a student for negative/positive behavior, the homeroom teachers will add that to the student's point tally

At the end of the day, each student will have an individual total number of points. Your child will record their total points on their homework sheet that comes home each night. If you don't get a chance to check the app that day, you will see the progress of your child right on the homework sheet each night. At the end of each day, students will be able to "cash out" points they have earned for rewards at school. **NOTE:** Because of this "cash out" system, you may notice your child losing points due to redeeming rewards, not misbehaving.

Please take a minute to download the *Class Dojo* app or visit the website at www.classdojo.com and use your code to login and get familiar with our new method for tracking behavior. You can use the Class Dojo app or website to send me messages if you need to as well. All of our communication through Dojo messaging is private.

Also, ClassDojo Translate is now available for teachers and parents everywhere! This new addition to ClassDojo will help break down the language barrier between classrooms and homes. ClassDojo Translate enables families to translate all classroom announcements and messages into their preferred language, with just one tap. Class Dojo translates to over 35 languages.

I know you will be proud to see the great behaviors your child is displaying throughout the school day through Class Dojo!

Sincerely,

Miss Wolfe