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Dear Parents,

As you know, the first few weeks of school have been dedicated to learning who the teachers are, who the other children in class are and what the routines at school are. Another major part of the first few weeks has been learning the rules at school. During last week and this week the children all came up with our own rules for the class. The rules are posted in the room. Their rules are:

1. Raise your hand
2. Keep your hands & feet to yourself
3. Use 2 inch voices
4. Listen
5. Treat tools of the classroom/school with respect
6. Treat everyone with respect
 - * Use good manners
 - * Talk nice to your friends and teachers
7. Use your walking feet
8. Stay in your seat



We started a system in our class this week that we use when children are not following the rules. There is a stop light hanging in our class with clothes pins attached with the students names on them. Every morning each child starts the day with their clothes pin next to the green light. If a child isn't following our classroom rules they are given a count of 1 (please stop what they are doing), if they do not stop, a count of 2 - they are asked to move their clothes pin to the yellow light, which means warning: slow down and think (they must sit in the "chill chair" for 5 minutes). The next is a count of 3 - they are asked to move their clothes pin to the red light. The red light means they get a note sent home and they must sit in the "chill chair" for 10 minutes. The stop light is used for behaviors throughout the school day whether we are in our classroom or not. If disruptive behavior is being displayed on a continual basis, I will contact you. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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