

MRS. BUTCHER'S CLASS NEWS



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Welcome!!!!

Welcome to Room 132!!! Ms. Morgan, our classroom attendant, and I are so excited that you are here at Jane Addams Elementary School this year!!! We are going to have a busy year as we study reading, writing, math, science, health, and social studies.

I got married over the summer. My name has now changed from Miss Carter to Mrs. Butcher.

Planners/Behavior Sheets- Students are required to purchase an assignment planner (\$4.00). Students will fill out assignment planners every day to keep track of assignments. Ms. Morgan or I will initial each child's planner every day. Students will bring home the planners and their daily behavior sheet every day. Please sign the behavior sheet and return it to school with your child every day. Your child will receive points towards a reward if they return their signed daily behavior sheet.

Folders- The connection between student and home is very important to our students' success. To help keep you informed with what we're working on, a newsletter will go home each month in students' Thursday folders. Thursday folders should be reviewed by students and parents together and be returned to school the next day. Students will be bringing home homework folders on a daily basis.

Webpage- Make sure to check out the class webpage on the school's website. You will be able to access newsletters, our weekly spelling lists, weekly language arts focus, specials schedule, and access information that was distributed in class that may have been accidentally lost. I will also post pictures of some of the awesome things we do in class. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Birthdays- Students are important and we enjoy celebrating their special days. Students and families are invited to bring non-food treats to share with the class. These students will be passed out at the end of the day while students are packing up.

Behavior Management- The behavior management plan for Mrs. Butcher's class contains a level system and many rewards for the students to earn. Please see the second page for details about the management plan.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 18: First Day of School
September 1: No School- Labor Day
September 5: Healthy Snack Sale-
Pickles for 50 cents
September 18: Jammin with the
Jaguars at Stuart Park, 5-6pm
September 26: No School- Professional
Learning day for Staff

OUR FOCUS

I CAN READ CAREFULLY.
I CAN THINK DEEPLY.
I CAN SHOW UNDERSTANDING.
WE ENJOY READING!

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Miss Carter's Behavior Management Plan

POINT SHEETS

Daily point sheets are used for the classroom management plan. Points are given for good behavior and minus's are used for inappropriate behavior with consequences. At the end of each day, the points and minus's are added/subtracted and the students can pick a small prize in the prize box. If a student has 5 or more minus's or a referral- that student does not pick a prize and we hope that student has a better day tomorrow. We have classroom referrals and office referrals. If the incident is severe, the principal will be involved and determine the outcome. Friday is the classroom's big reward day. The classroom has many positive reinforcements and activities that are EARNED by the students.

BEHAVIOR SHEETS

Each student will be bringing home his/her behavior sheet daily to tell parents/guardians about his/her school day. An Excellent day is NO minus's, a Good day is 1 or 2 minus's, and Average day is 3 or 4 minus's, and a Difficult day is 5 or more minus's or a Referral sheet (which will be stapled to the behavior sheet). There will be checks/comments at the top explaining the child's behavior. The goals at the top of the sheet correspond to the goals in the behavior section of the report card. The parent/guardian signs the bottom of the sheet and the child is responsible for returning the sheet to school the next day. The student will receive Bonus Points if the signed sheet is returned the next day.

LEVEL SYSTEM

Our classroom has a level system with 4 levels from 1 to 4 (4 being the highest level). If a student has good behavior- 80% or better for 4 weeks, that student moves up to Level 2 with additional privileges. When a student reaches Level 4 and stays on Level 4 for 4 weeks, the student has a chance to attend a regular education room for a period of time. If a student receives a referral, then that student drops to Level 1 and earns his/her way back up. (Individual circumstances are taken into account).

ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our classroom is involved in the all-school activities (PBIS, Star Cards, Monthly Rewards, Class Jaguars, Anti-bully program, etc). The students work hard for these rewards and are proud when they achieve them.

Goal for each student- Be responsible for their behavior, learn to make good decisions/choices, use appropriate social skills, and grow to be productive member of society.