**Mrs. Schifani
 Room 307**

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**Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**

**My name is Mrs. Schifani. I am very excited to have you in my class! I expect great things from you this year and I hope that you expect great things from me, as well. We are going to have a great year filled with learning, fun, and working to be the best that we can be. This year is a new year – a fresh start – and you can do whatever you set your mind to! Reach for the stars!**

**It is going to be a wonderful year for all of us. You are going to love third grade!**

**Sincerely,

Mrs. Schifani**

“All of our dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them.”

- Walt Disney

**Behavior and Daily Income**

We will use a tally chart in this class. If you do something that breaks a class rule or disrupts class, I will mark a tally on my tally chart. The number I mark will depend on what you do.

Also in this class, you will earn an income for working hard. Every day, every student gets $1.00 for showing up to class. During the day, there are ways to earn a “bonus” (more money) for going above and beyond, or pay a “fine” (you give me money) for misbehaving. Below shows the fines for each type of misbehavior.

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| **Level 1 = 2 minutes or 15¢** | **Level 3 = 5 minutes or 35¢** |
| 6 | Out of seat/line without permission | 4 | Not working quietly/disturbing others |
| 17 | Messy area/desk  | 8 | Poor MAPS or lunch behavior |
| 18 | No name on paper | **Level 4 = 10 minutes or 50¢** |
| 16 | Excessive bathroom breaks | 3 | Not keeping hands, feet, and objects to self |
| **Level 2 = 3 minutes or 25¢** | 7 | Not showing respect to school/others’ property |
| 1 | Not paying attention  | **Level 5 = all recess AND $1.00 (or silent lunch)** |
| 2 | Not following directions  | 9 | Disrespectful to adult/insubordination |
| 5 | Calling out in class | 10 | Bullying/ Arguing/name calling |
| 15 | No signature | 11 | Lying/Cheating |
| 19 | No homework | 12 | Profanity/derogatory comments/obscenity |
| 20 | No Wednesday folder (late) | 13 | Aggressive physical action |
|  | 14 | Stealing |

If you get caught doing something good, however, you do have a magnet that you can move up. You can move up for going above and beyond with kindness, personal behavior, or academically. At then end of the day, if your magnet has been moved up, you will receive your “bonus.” At the end of every week, you can turn in your money for different prizes.

**At the end of every day, you will take home a Daily Behavior Sheet for your parents to sign.**
(If it is not signed and returned the next morning, you will receive a tally.)

**Excellent = 0 tallies Good = 1 - 2 tallies Fair = 3 tallies
 Poor = 4 – 5 tallies Unacceptable = 6 or more tallies**

**
Mrs. Schifani’s Superstars**
At the end of every month, if you have very few tallies or no tallies at all, you will become on of Mrs. Schifani’s Superstars! If you become a Superstar, you will get special class privileges for proving that you “always do the right thing, even when no one is watching,” just like our Dexter pledge tells us to do. For instance, if the class earns multiplication charts for poor decisions, you will not have to do them. You will also earn a “raise,” and make more money each day. To stay a Superstar, though, you must keep up your good behavior. ☺ Everyone makes mistakes from time to time, so every month is a new month and a new chance to become a Superstar. If you weren’t one last month, it doesn’t mean that you will never get in. ☺

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**Redoing Assignments**

**If you receive a 79 or lower on any assignment (other than a project), you may correct or re-do the assignment to improve your grade.**

**Here are the rules:**

* All papers that you will have an opportunity to correct will be sent home every Wednesday in the Wednesday folder.
* You must turn in the paper by next Wednesday in order to receive any additional points. This gives you one week!
* Please do not come to me later in the year wanting to correct a grade that you have already returned. You will not be able to.
* For each answer corrected, you will receive ½ a point.
* Regardless of how many points you earn while correcting a paper, the highest grade that you can make on a corrected paper is an 89.

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 **Wednesday folder**

**The Wednesday folder is sent home every Wednesday. It includes:**

* any graded classwork so that your parents can see them.
* your conduct grade for the previous week.
* sometimes notes or letters for your parents.

**The Wednesday folder should be sent back the very next day! If it is not returned by the next Wednesday, your parents will not be able to look at any more of your graded work until it is returned. *Continually forgetting your Wednesday folder can lead to you receiving consequences.***

Any papers in the Wednesday folder can be removed, corrected, and returned before the following Tuesday for a better grade.

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**What do you do if you are absent?**

1. You will have **one week** to make up any work that you missed. You can work on it during class when you have time. IF it is for a grade, it cannot be taken home to finish.
2. If you miss only one day of class, you will make up the test the day that you return.
3. If you miss class more than two days, you will be given more time to prepare for the test. How much time depends on how many days you missed.

**Class Numbers**

In our classroom, we also have a behavior system for the class. This one uses numbers. **Every day** we will start with 5 numbers on the board. If the class as a whole is off task or too loud, the teacher will erase one number. This should be a signal to the class to quiet down or get to work.

At the end of every day, the highest number left on the board is added to the previous day’s total.

**Example:** Let’s say on a Monday, no numbers were erased. I would write down a 5. Then, on Tuesday, the five and four were erased. I would add 3 to the 5, which would give us 8.

 Once our class reaches 100, we will get a hundred-point party, where I will
 bring the whole class a treat!

**5**

**4**

**3**

**2**

**1**

\*\*In the unfortunate event that all of the numbers are erased, the class will be assigned multiplication charts. This is a punishment where the class must write at least one multiplication chart from their ones facts to their twelves facts.\*\*

\*\*Although numbers can be added back to the board, it is difficult. One way that a number might be added back is if the whole class gets a compliment from an adult. \*\*

Dear parents,

Thank you for taking an interest in what is going on your child’s classroom! As a team, parents and teachers can have an extremely positive impact on a child’s education and future. ☺

If you have any questions or comments about any of the class procedures please feel free to email me. My contact information is provided at the bottom of this letter.

I look forward to working with you to make this a great year for your child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Schifani

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