

Monday, October 20th, 2014

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that our class has begun using a new system to manage and record behavior at school. "Class Dojo" is an interactive app and website that can be accessed and monitored by parents and students as well as by the classroom teacher.

Here's how it works:

1) I record each student's positive and negative behaviors during the day using an app on my phone or iPad. Students are awarded points for turning in homework, paying attention, participating, helping, teamwork, and working hard. There is one more positive behavior, "being awesome," which can be any other positive behavior. Students can also receive negative points for unkind words/actions, not caring for the classroom, talking out of turn, not working, being out of their seats, or not turning in homework. There is also one more negative behavior, "not making good choices," which can be any other negative behavior.

2) Students and parents can log in to the Class Dojo website to view behavior reports. Parents have an easy way to "check in" on behavior, and students have an easy way to self-monitor and improve behavior.

Creating an account for yourself and/or your student on Class Dojo is optional, but highly encouraged. I believe that students will be motivated to complete homework and stay on task in class when they have an easy and fun way to track positive and negative behaviors and set personal goals.

I plan to use Class Dojo to report your child's behavior to you *instead of* the "Weekly Behavior Log" forms that I have been sending home with students. If you would like for me to continue sending home a paper copy of a behavior log for your student, please let me know.

Thank you for helping me to monitor and improve your child's classroom behavior. As always, please send me an email (rgifford@wcpss.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Ms. Gifford