



An End Of The Week Note From I -B



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This week in Open Circle the children constructed a list of what they considered the most important classroom expectations or rules. Our list was very long and many expectations seemed to begin with *Don't* or *No*. We worked together to turn these *Don't* sentences into the positive actions that should replace the negative behavior. It was very funny when the children decided "Be nice" was the action that negated most of the *Don't* sentences. In the end, all of the expectations listed really fell into one of two main classroom expectations:

Respect your teachers, friends, and classroom materials.

Work hard.

Be safe.

Each child signed a contract, acknowledging that they helped to write and understand the expectations. We agreed as a class that these rules apply to their actions at Hunnewell. Whether they are on the playground, in music, or in the classroom, the expectations remain the same. Next week we will begin reading a series, *The Best Me I Can Be* and thinking about how children can take positive actions at home and at school to be their best.

Announcements

GET ONLINE! If you haven't already, please take the time to signup to receive the newsletter online. Once you register, a newsflash will be emailed to you each Friday of full school weeks with a link to the newsletter. I also use the newsflash tool to get in touch with all families when necessary (e.g., early release due to snow).

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For the next two weeks you will receive an electronic copy as well as a paper copy of the newsletter and after that just an electronic copy.

Oops... I forgot to send home homework on Wednesday! I apologize for any confusion this caused at home!

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Save The Date

- Tonight: Ice Cream Social from 6:00–7:15
- Wednesday, September 17: Parents Back To School Night
 - 6:45–7:15, Grades 3–5
 - 7:20–7:50, Grades K–2
- Friday, September 19: School Pictures
- Tuesday, September 30: No School, Rosh Hashanah

Conversation Starters:

- Tell me about your math activities this week. What is Staircases? Compare? Mystery Box?
- Can you count up from 1 to 12? Can you count back from 12 to 1?
- Who is your fifth grade buddy from 5–K?
- How does the song, *Down By The Bay*, go?
- Can you share some Down By The Bay rhymes that you came up with?
- What is the difference between uppercase letters and lower case letters?
- What do the uppercase letters C, O, G, Q have in common?
- What do the lowercase letters c, o, a, g, d have in common.
- What do good scientist do?
- What did you learn about magnets?
- What did you learn in the Chocolate Chip Drop experiment?

Have a great weekend,

Sarah Byrnes