

WELCOME TO MRS BETTENCOURT'S CLASS

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year! I am looking forward to a very productive and exciting year in **Classroom 41**. This year each student will be doing a lot of reading, writing, and problem-solving in all subject areas, as well as positive reinforcement with behavior. Being a Roughrider carries a lot of PRIDE, please encourage him or her to do his/her best.

In order to create a positive learning environment, I have developed a classroom discipline plan with specific expectations for all students. Everyone in the classroom will work together as a team to achieve our learning goals with few interruptions. The plan below outlines the classroom rules, positive rewards, and consequences for appropriate and inappropriate behavior.

My classroom expectations:

Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Expect the best.

Ask before acting.

Minds on!

Walk at all times.

Offer to help.

Remember the signals. (Quiet, question, bathroom, water, etc.)

Kee hands and feet to yourself.

If a student chooses to ignore an expectation:

- **First** Consequence: Verbal warning.
- **Second** Consequence: Teacher Detention (parent/guardian contacted)
- **Third** Consequence: Intervention Room #25 (as directed by teacher, and parent and or guardian is contacted.)
- **Fourth** Consequence: Written referral/intervention, and parent and or guardian is contacted.

Citizenship:

Students earn a citizenship grade based on their behavior in class.

Outstanding Citizenship:

- Continual positive behavior.
- No unexcused absences.
- No class suspensions or detentions.
- 1 or less tardies per quarter.

Satisfactory Citizenship:

- General positive behavior.
- 2 or less unexcused absences.
- 1 or less class suspensions.
- 2 or less class detentions.
- 3 or less tardies per quarter.

Unsatisfactory Citizenship

- Negative classroom behavior.
- 3 or more unexcused absences.
- 2 or more class suspensions.
- 3 or more class detentions.

Class Detentions:

Students may receive lunch or afterschool detentions with the teacher for violating any school or class rules. The students will be given a verbal warning first, but if the negative behavior continues, the lunch or after school detention will be issued.

1st Detention: 15 minutes

2nd & 3rd Detention: 30 minutes after parent contact,

4th Detention: 45 minutes after school after parent contact.

Alternatively, a student may serve detention during their lunch hour with prior approval.

Academic Grade:

Each student's grade is based on the total points accumulated during each grading period. When **in class** assignments are completed they will be given the total points, but if they are not completed in class, they will be given partial points. All other assignments, as in homework or a special project; will be given specific due dates. If homework and special project assignments are late, the points will be decreased by 10%. If you don't understand an assignment, please ask for help, it is your responsibility to ask for help. The grading scale is below:

100%-90%= A

89%-80%= B

79%-70%= C

69%-60%= D

59% and below=F

****Parents you are encouraged to contact the office to receive your PowerSchool login. This is an online grading system that parents and students can track their class assignments, due dates and grades.**

To encourage students, **I will recognize appropriate behavior** with individual, group, and class rewards. Individual students will be praised for their good behavior and will be rewarded with positive notes, stickers, or special privileges. On a weekly basis, the class may earn points towards a special treat for cooperation and preparation.

I look forward to working with your child and your family throughout the school year. My door is always open to you: please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason. It's going to be a great year!

Mrs Bettencourt

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I have read and understand this class information. Please sign and date below, detach and return the bottom portion and keep the upper portion.

Student Signature _____

Parents Signature _____

