

Creating Classroom Rules

Grade Level: Elementary

Overview	The goals of this lesson are to have the students show respect for one another's opinions and come up with a set of rules. The class will have to use listening skills and be open to hearing other classmates ideas which is a key life lesson.
Objective	The students will together come up with a list of rules and have a majority of more than 50% vote on the final classroom rules.
Standards	3-5.3.9: Demonstrate verbal and non-verbal communications 3-5.3.16: Describe ways in which students show respect for each other 3-5.3.23: Discuss relationships between consequences and behaviors
Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Paper2. Pencil3. Decing4. Computer5. Poster Board6. Markers
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The teacher will assign one students to record the class's ideas.2. The teacher will lead the class in the right direction to appropriate rules and give options, but will allow the students to discuss their ideas.3. Once a list of 10-15 rules are made the Teacher will set up an online anonymous poll using Decing where he/she will explain that each student will log into their account and distribute their gems (votes) to the rules that they believe are the most important.4. The teacher will instruct the students to do so during class free time and that the votes are secret and no other student will be able to see who the other has voted for. Relate the importance of privacy and compare to the presidential election that occurs every four years.5. The top five rules voted by the class will be transferred onto a large poster board where they will be displayed at the front of the class for the rest of the year.6. Appropriate consequences will be formed by the teacher the disobeying the class rules.
Evaluation	No type of assessment is necessary, but something that can be oriented into the class room is a contract. After the rules are made and the consequences to go along with those rules are put into place the teacher can have the students sign a contract that says if the rules are not followed the punishment will fit the crime.