

MEADOW LARK SCHOOL 2024-2025

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

At Meadow Lark, we believe that discipline should be approached in a manner that not only addresses misbehavior, but also teaches accountability and builds positive relationships within our school community. The Responsive Centered Discipline (RCD) model aligns with these values and serves as a framework for promoting positive behavior and character development.



Promptly follow directions.



Act Kindly.



Work hard.



Select safe choices and wellness.

During a student's most challenging moment(s), we will listen and respond to a student with emotional control and leadership, provide clear and consistent expectations, and coach students through the many benefits for changing their behavior. This is done through the "Give Em' 5" structure where a staff member offers support, states the school-wide expectation(s), includes the breakdown of how the behavior did not meet the stated expectation, explains the many benefits for their future success, and closes with a student developed plan. Staff and parents will help guide the creation of this plan and support students to resolve the problem. Since every student is unique, the importance of providing individualized support when addressing behavior concerns is recognized and valued in this model.

We will be continuing to teach each of our Character Strong traits as the foundation for how we use research-based social and emotional learning curriculum to foster a whole child centered approach. This builds student ownership and accountability for social, emotional, and behavioral choices as well as places responsibility on the individual students for working with adults to learn from mistakes and restore relationships when needed. We will work together with students to create learning opportunities from situations where our guidelines are not followed. Documentation of "Pink Slips" with student responsibility plan will be sent home for student and parent signatures to be added. ***These will need to be returned the following day.***

- **Severe Clause:** This will result in an **Office Referral**, parent conference (phone or in person), and behavior improvement plan. Severe clauses include sexual harassment, inflicting physical harm (fighting), damage to property, openly defiant behavior. Consequences may include ISS or OSS (out of school suspension).

Your child's classroom teacher will also be sending home a plan for expected behaviors within the classroom. **We look forward to a successful, productive year and to working with you and your child!**

Sincerely,

Teresa Sprague, Principal