

St. Mary's Families,

The new school year is upon us and the kids are full of enthusiasm and excitement! We are going to continue to focus on strengthening three behaviors that were identified during the 2011 school year.

The first behavior is good sportsmanship. All students need to be kind and loving friends at recess and play time. They need to understand that it is just a game, win or lose. Friendship is forever!

The second behavior we are concentrating on is running in the hallways. This includes before and after school hours. There should not be any running in the school for safety reasons.

The third behavior concentrates on being respectful. This would include listening to teachers in the hallway/lunchroom/at recess the first time, talking kindly to peers, answering adults when they are spoken to, and being respectful to visitors at our school.

If your child is observed disobeying one of these three rules, an Oops! slip will be sent home with them the same school day of the offense. These will need to be signed by a parent and returned to school the next day. It is very important that your child is responsible. If they do not return the signed slip to their teacher, they will receive another Oops! slip. Opps! slips will be handed out by every teacher and they are able to hand them out to any student, not just their assigned grade. Each teacher will keep a running record of the monthly totals for each student. Teachers will also be handing out Way to Go! slips for awesome behaviors. We want the students to understand that this is like a lottery. They never know when they are going to get one because they shouldn't need to be rewarded every time they do something kind. But, every now and then it's nice!

At the end of each month the school will have a fun extra activity for all of those students that received fewer than 5 Oops! slips for the month. If your student received 5 or more, they will have a teaching lesson with Ms. Patterson about the importance of these rules.

Every time a student receives a Way to Go! slip, their name will be put in a drawing for a special monthly prize that the faculty will decide on.

The month of September will be a review month for all grade levels. Positive encouragement will be enforced during this month. Official slips will begin on October 3rd.

Sincerely,

St. Mary's Faculty