Dear Parents,

 I am so pleased to have your child in my class. To ensure that we have a wonderful dynamic in the classroom I have given the kids some rules to adhere to. I also happen to have some tips to help your kiddo have a happy and healthy home. I will give you the rules for the classroom and the rules that are in place for when we use technology. I did this because I want you to be aware of what is to be expected of your child when they are in my classroom. Please go through these rules with your child so that both you and your child understand them and sign at the bottom. Thank you!

**Rules for the student in the classroom:**

1. Always raise your hand to speak.

2. Turn all your assignments in on time.

3. Respect others and their personal space.

4. If you make a mess, please be sure to clean up after yourself.

5. Be kind to one another. Please do not be afraid to speak up if you see anyone bullying or getting bullied.

**Rules for using technology in the classroom:**

1. Wash your hands before using any device
2. Only use the internet at school for schoolwork and with my Teacher’s permission
3. Only play games on the internet that are educational and approved by my Teacher
4. Plug in my device when finished using it
5. Be responsible and take care of the devices that we use
6. Tell my Teacher if I see something that makes me scared or makes me uncomfortable while using the internet at school

**Tips for Parents:**

1. Monitor what your child is viewing while online. You may want to allow only certain websites. If you need suggestions on some educational sites, feel free to view some links on my personal website.
2. Limit your child’s screen time. I know that this might be difficult with everything revolving around technology but spending some quality time together does a child good. Maybe 20-30 minutes after homework is finished.
3. Provide a quiet space where your child can give full attention to their schoolwork.
4. Attend Parent-Teacher conferences to learn about how your child is progressing throughout the school year.
5. Help and support your child by reading with them often.
6. Feel free to ask me anything. I would love to have open communication with you so that you feel comfortable leaving your child in my care.
7. Family time is crucial to the developing mind of a child. When it is dinner time, I suggest turning all screens off (tv, phones, computers, tablets, etc. ) and just be in the moment together. Talk about your day. Talk about your weekend plans.
8. Outdoor time is great! I suggest spending some time as a family outdoors. It could be anything from going on walks, fishing, or just simply playing out in the yard. Take a break once in a while and take in your surroundings. Or should I say “smell the roses”?
9. Have open and honest communication with your child.

**Plagiarism:** When assisting your students with assignments make sure to adhere to all copywrite laws. We do not want to take someone else’s work and say it is your own. It isn’t fair to the person who worked so hard to create that item in the first place. I will post the laws on my website if you have any further questions.

If we all adhere to these tips and rules, we will mold your child into the best person they can be. Please take full advantage of my site as I will have copies of the rules and AUP on my site. You have my permission to print it out and keep it for yourself at home to help you if you need it.

*Thank you so much for all that you do!*

*-Mrs. Jessica Newberry*

**I acknowledge that I and my child will follow the rules and regulations set forth by the school and the Teacher.**

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