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Dear Parents,

The topic of this week was Class Rules. We started with basic simple ones. Here are some of our favorite rules:

Looking eyes

Listening ears

Quiet voices

Helping hands

Walking feet

Rules should be short and clear. Children understand short sentences best...

They should be stated positively. Preschoolers have a hard time connecting their behavior to "not to" or "don't "statements. Rules also should be limited in number and should be posted along with pictures. We started talking about the topic by creating an orderly classroom. We explicitly teach, model, demonstrate and review the rules. We introduced each rule separately, not all at once. We give prompts, lots and lots! Giving verbal, visual, and physical prompts or cues can help a student follow the rule with assistance. Practice, practice, practice. We provide many opportunities for them to practice the rules (all year long). There are so many fun, hands-on activities we do to teach the rules such as create books on each rule, journal or draw pictures about specific rule, act out what a rule looks like, create rules collage posters and use children's books.

We all enjoyed listening to several classroom rules songs for children. We also played different games where the children had to take turns.

The children had a great time during soccer class. Check the pictures we sent on Brightweel.

We are going to start doing the student of the week, beginning Monday, September 13. The following names are for the three VPK classes:

Orange Door: Giovanni Acierno

Brown Door: Santiago Arebalo

Purple Door: Anderson Abelairas

Please bring a decorated poster with family pictures, favorite places to go, food that they like, pets, or add anything that you think will make your child happy to share with classmates and teachers. Have them participate while you are putting it together.

Books we read:

Shubert's New Friend, Shubert's Rants and Raves, I Can Make Good Choices, I Care About Others, and The Little Red Hen.

Quote of the week:

Classroom rules: Teach, love, inspire!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Ana

Ms. Ariel

Mrs. Marta