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Dear Families,

Welcome to room 105! We have had a terrific start of the school year thus far. For those of you who do not know me yet, my name is Maureen Del Rosario. I am a recent graduate from the University of Washington's Masters in Teaching program with an endorsement in special education. I have a passion for not only teaching children, but teaching them to become active and participating children in our communicated. In order to teach your children well, I have create a positive classroom environment in which students are motivated to learn, develop and grow. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in the future and I encourage you to stop by and say hello whenever you can. Here is some exciting news from room 105.

Classroom Norms

The children and I have created a set of classroom norms that will be the basis for shaping a positive learning environment.

- ✓ I will do my best.
- ✓ I am here to learn!
- ✓ I will keep my hands and feet to myself.
- ✓ I will look and listen to the speaker(s).
- ✓ I will work hard and let others work.
- ✓ I will be respectful to others by using positive words and positive actions.
- ✓ I will help take care of myself, our friends and our classroom.
- ✓ I will have fun!

Classroom Consequences

As a class, we also came up with fair consequences for situations when norms are broken. We all agree that it is our responsibility to each other and ourselves to respect these norms and that there must be consequences when they are not followed. These consequences will be decided depending on the choices we have made.

- ✓ As a result of making a wrong choice and now others cannot learn, I will spend some of my recess/choice time doing work that I did not finish.
- ✓ As a result of making a wrong choice and now others cannot learn, Ms. Del Rosario will call my parents.
- ✓ As a result of making a wrong choice and now others cannot learn, I will have a mini-conference with Ms. Del Rosario and my parents.
- ✓ As a result of making a wrong choice and now others cannot learn, I will be on a behavior management plan.

These rules and consequences are meant to guide your students throughout the year to do their best. I have confidence that this we will have a wonderful year. As a parent, I would like to encourage you to be part of our classroom through volunteering. I am sending home days and times when I would appreciate your help in the classroom. If you are unable to volunteer, I encourage you to be part of our classroom by attending potlucks, parent night, curriculum night, literacy nights, math nights, special presentations and conferences. Through your involvement I will be able to learn more about your child.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. I know this will be a great year!

Sincerely,

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