

# Mrs. Marler's Classroom Rules

These are not just classroom rules, these are life lessons about how we should live, interact with others and appreciate life. We will be working on these rules through the school year.

**Rule 1:** When responding to your teachers, you must answer by saying "Yes Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_" or "No Mr. \_\_\_\_\_". Just nodding your head or saying any other form of yes or no is not acceptable.

**Rule 2:** Make eye contact. When someone is speaking keep your eyes on him or her at all times.

**Rule 3:** During discussions, respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.

**Rule 4:** When we read together in class, you must follow along. If I call on you to read, you must know exactly where we are and begin reading immediately.

**Rule 5:** Answer all written questions with a complete sentence.

**Rule 6:** Every student will turn homework in each day for each subject.

**Rule 7:** When I assign homework, there is to be no moaning or complaining. This will result in a doubled assignment.

**Rule 8:** Quickly learn the names of the other teachers in the school and greet them by saying things like, "Good morning Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_", or "Good afternoon Mr. \_\_\_\_\_." (Note: If you are in line with the rest of the class, you are not allowed to speak to the teachers at that time because the no talking rule is in effect.)

**Rule 9:** We will follow certain classroom protocols. We will be organized, efficient, and on task. In order to do so, we will follow these rules:

- A. Do not get out of your seat without permission.  
Exception: If you are sick, tell me immediately.
- B. Do not speak unless:
  - 1. You raise your hand and I call on you.
  - 2. I ask you a question and you are responding.
  - 3. It is lunch or recess.
  - 4. I instruct you otherwise. (For example, during group work.)

**Rule 10:** When in a line, walk single file with your arms at your sides. You should face forward at all times. There will be absolutely no talking.

**Rule 11:** Never cut in line. If someone cuts in front of you, do not say anything about it. Let it happen, but let me know about it. I will handle the situation. If you fuss with someone who has cut in line, you could get in trouble as well. Please handle all disputes with other classmates in the same manner, by coming to me with any problems before you take matters into your own hands.

**Rule 12:** Accept that you are going to make mistakes. Learn from them and move on.

**Rule 13:** No matter what the circumstances, always be honest. Even if you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it to me.

**Rule 14:** When you cough or sneeze or burp, it is appropriate to turn your head away from others and cover your mouth. Afterward, you should say, "Excuse me."

**Rule 15:** If you win or do something well, do not brag. If you lose, do not show anger.

**Rule 16:** At times throughout the year, I will give rewards for good behavior, academic performances, and other acts of worthy praise. If you ever ask me for a reward, however, it will not be given. It is rude to ask for something for good behavior. You should be good and try your best because you are trying to better yourself, not because you are anticipating a reward.

**Rule 17:** Do not smack your lips, tsk, roll your eyes, or show disrespect with gestures.

**Rule 18:** You will make every effort to be as organized as possible.

**Rule 19:** When we are in a transition from one subject to the other, the change will be swift, quiet, and orderly.

**Rule 20:** While you are with a substitute teacher, you will obey the same rules that you follow when I am with you.

**Rule 21:** You may bring a bottle of water to class and leave it next to your desk. Do not ask me if you can get water while I am teaching a lesson.

**Rule 22:** After you eat lunch, you will clean up after yourself.

**Rule 23:** If someone drops something, pick it up and hand it back to them. Even if they are closer to the object, it is only polite to make the gesture of bending down to retrieve it.

**Rule 24:** If you approach a door and someone is following you, hold the door for that person.

**Rule 25:** During Mass or an assembly, do not speak and do not look around and try to get the attention of your friends in other classes. We must uphold an image that shows we have our act together!

**Rule 26:** If any child in this school is bothering you, let me know. I am your teacher, and I am here to look after you and protect you. I am not going to let anyone in this school bully you or make you feel uncomfortable. In return, I ask that you not take matters into your own hands; let me deal with the students.

**Rule 27:** Be positive and enjoy life. Some things just aren't worth getting upset over. Focus on the good in your life.

**Rule 28:** Have fun! Everything you do in school should not be considered hard work. I promise that if you do what is expected from you as a student, you will certainly enjoy this school year.

Rules adapted from the book The Essential 55 by Ron Clark.

