

Monster

# **Behavior Clipchart**



## A behavior Management System

Our classroom employs a clip chart behavior management system adapted from the clip chart system developed by Rick Morris. This system promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor their

# behavior.

#### How it works ...

- Each student has a clothespin labeled with his/her name, and begins the day clipped to the center of the chart labeled *Ready to Learn!*
- During the course of the day, students have the opportunity to move their clothespin up or down the chart according to their behavioral choices- clip up or clip down.
- Positive behavior choices allow the student to move his/her clothespin up one level; conversely, inappropriate behavior choices cause the clothespin to move down one level.
- Rewards/consequences are not issued until the end of the day, when students no longer have the opportunity to move their clothespin.
- If students end the day on *Teacher's Choice*, I will determine an appropriate consequence for their behavior; i.e. a note sent home, having the student write a letter home letting you know what happened, partial loss of their recess, etc.
- If students end the day on *Ready to Learn* or above they will receive a sticker on their sticker chart. For every time they move their clip up, they will receive an additional sticker (*Ready to Learn* = 1 sticker, *Good Day* = 2 stickers, *Role Model* = 3 stickers, and *Outstanding* = 4 stickers). Once their sticker chart is complete, students will have the opportunity to choose a special coupon such as eat lunch with the teacher, sit at the teachers desk for the day, free homework pass, wear slippers in class, and many, many more!!! <sup>©</sup>

### **Clip Chart Advantages**

- Students are acknowledged for positive behavior choices.
- Students feel a sense of accomplishment when they make good behavior choices and have the opportunity to clip up.
- Students who have to clip down always have the opportunity to improve and clip up later in the day. Thus, they stay motivated to make positive behavior choices.

#### How was my child's day?

- This will be conveyed in your child's planner each night. Parents are expected to check the planner each night and initial it.
- If you see a smiley face for the day, your child ended the day on *Ready to Learn, Good Day, Role Model or Outstanding* and had a great day.
- If you see a straight face, your child had an ok day and ended on *Reminder*.
- If you see a sad face, your child struggled in some areas and ended on *Teacher's Choice or Contact Home*.

