



Dear Families,

Throughout the year we will be focusing a lot of attention on our “Character Counts” program. We believe that students who have these traits have a very successful and positive learning experience. These traits; respect, responsibility, fairness, honesty/trustworthiness, perseverance, citizenship and compassion promote positive behavior and encourage children to self-monitor their behavior.

Within all our classrooms, we will be using the clip chart behavior management system. Below is a description of how this system works.

- ✚ Each student has a clothespin with their name on it and they begin each day on the center in “Ready To Learn” (green).
- ✚ During the course of the day, students have the opportunity to move their clips up or down according to their behavioral choices-“Clip Up” or “Clip Down.”
- ✚ Positive behavioral choices allow students to move up a level; on the other hand, inappropriate choices cause the student to move down (ie. Not following school expectations, being disrespectful or not making safe choices.)
- ✚ Students might not move every day. Students will clip up by displaying above and beyond normal expectations. They have multiple opportunities to move their way up the chart.
- ✚ Students feel a sense of accomplishment when they make positive behavior choices and have the opportunity to clip up.
- ✚ Student who have to clip down, always have the opportunity to clip back up later in the day, which allows them to continue to stay motivated to make positive behavior choices.
- ✚ Each day, students will document how their day was using the calendar in their Daily Folder. There is a color coded key on the calendar so you know where they were at the end of each day.

Clip Chart Key:	
	Super Student
	Great Job
	Good Work
	Ready to Learn
	Think About It
	Teacher Choice
	Parent Contact

During the year, students will receive many positive comments about appropriate behavior and good choices. If your child is on *Ready To Learn* or above, this tells you that your child made good behavior choices. However, if your child is below *Ready To Learn*, please discuss with your child how he/she can make better choices.

If at any time you would like to discuss behavior concerns, please contact Koenig Elementary. When the school and the family work together, positive results are achieved. Please help your child learn appropriate school behavior by supporting our attempts to instill positive behavior in all children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your teacher or Mrs. McLinn at any time!