

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Behavior Policy**

**“The Card System” is a new behavior plan for fifth grade students. We have so much learning to do this year, therefore we have no time to waste dealing with behavior problems. We will be quite strict with our expectations and you will be notified if problems arise. Every child deserves a learning environment that is safe, supportive, and that fosters both creative and academic achievement. No student has the right to interfere with another student’s learning.**

**Each classroom has a behavior chart posted on the wall. Each student has a “pocket” with 5 cards in it: one green card, two yellow cards, one red card, and one black card.**

**Each day the student’s chart begins with a green card. The goal is to keep it “green” throughout the day. This means their behavior is excellent. They will receive 20 “Scholar Dollars” per day for this good behavior.**

**If a student is given a “warning” for inappropriate behavior during their school-day, they are given their “first yellow card”. They are fined 25 “Scholar Dollars” and expected to correct their behavior.**

**If a student continues to behave inappropriately, they are given a “second warning”, which is their “second yellow card”. Now they are fined an additional 100 “Scholar Dollars” and they lose their recess time. They are asked to take a “time-out” from the classroom and fill out a “Re-focus form”. The student will need to take this paper home to be signed by a parent. It should be returned to school the following day.**

**If a student receives a “red card”, their behavior is considered extremely disruptive. They will be fined an additional 100 “Scholar Dollars”; they will lose their recess; parents will be called immediately; and Mrs. Widger, the principal, will be notified of the behavior.**

**The last card is the “black card” and this signifies the most serious of offenses. If a black card is given, then the student is typically “out of control” and needs to be removed immediately from the classroom, playground, etc...They will be sent directly to the principal’s office and parents will be called. A “black card” offense may lead to a possible suspension. Students will be fined an additional 500 “Scholar Dollars” for such a serious incident. Hopefully, no fifth grade student will be given a black card.**

**A discipline record will be kept by the classroom teachers and if need be, we can discuss behavior issues that interfere with your child’s learning during parent/teacher conferences.**

**We thank you for your support and know that you will encourage your child to follow school and class rules, and to behave responsibly and respectfully.**

**--The Fifth Grade Team**