

Sandersville Elementary Tier 1 Acknowledgement System

PURPOSE:

The purpose of implementing a whole class acknowledgement system is to encourage students to work together as a group to minimize undesirable behaviors. When problem behavior occurs, the teacher typically spends precious instructional time in order to correct it. Offering students an incentive to self-correct undesirable behavior and increase their use of socially appropriate behavior, should allow teacher and students to regain instructional time. In addition, students will be taught to self-monitor and correct their own behavior, which are critical life skills. Finally, it will help to develop a sense of class of community and teamwork.

PROCEDURE:

1. During the school day, all faculty and staff will have an opportunity to recognize classes following our Guidelines for Success (*Self Sufficient, Hard Working, A+ Attitude, Respectful, Kindness, and Successful*).
2. When a class demonstrates our school-wide expectations as a group, the faculty/staff member who recognizes the behavior will announce this to the class and teacher. The faculty/staff member will let the homeroom teacher know he/she can add a Shark Smile to their class chart which is posted outside each homeroom door. Homeroom teachers will not give out Shark Smiles and recognitions to their own class.
3. Once a class accumulates a certain number of Shark Smile stickers, they may redeem them for a reward. The school PBIS team designed a reward tower to encourage positive behavior among whole classes in common areas and throughout the daily routine.
4. The homeroom teacher will email Ms. Williams once they have received the number of Shark Smiles to obtain a reward and she will help manage the reward if needed and give the class a new chart to collect more Shark Smiles.
5. Classes will receive the reward within 3 days of earning it.