

May 18, 2012

Dear Families,

As part of our investigation of state and local Government, each third grade class is looking for a Governor and two representatives to make important decisions and solve classroom problems. We are asking each student in the class if he or she has what it takes to be a good leader. A good leader is an understanding listener, careful decision maker, great communicator, fair team member and overall a responsible and respectful citizen.

Over the weekend, we would like you to have a conversation with your child about whether or not they would like to nominate himself or herself for public / classroom office. Your child will have the opportunity to decide if s/he is ready to take on the role of Governor of a third grade class. They will mark this decision below and return this sheet to class on Monday. We will hold elections this week. The person with the most votes will become Governor and the 2nd and 3rd vote getters will become the 2 representatives.

If students are willing to serve their classmates in these roles, they will need to write a speech that tells their classmates why and how they will be a good Governor. They will want to use specific examples from their lives to support their claims. Example: I am a responsible citizen of our class, because you can count on me to pick up the things around my desk every day. Also, students will need to be careful to promise only what is realistic and best for their classmates and the learning environment. Example of an unrealistic campaign promise: I promise that every Friday will be ice cream sundae Friday! Naturally, all new "laws" must be approved by the class monarch, the teacher!

Thank you for taking time to encourage your child to stretch their leadership abilities and to consider the task of making and enforcing laws in our classroom. Please contact us if you have any questions!

Your Third Grade Teachers

Name _____

Check one and return by Monday, May 21, 2012.

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I have decided NOT to run for Governor or Representative.

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I have decided to run for Governor or Representative.

If you have decided to nominate yourself for Governor or Representative of our classroom, please write your speech giving reasons why you would make a good leader on the back of this sheet.

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