

# ROOM 15 CONSTITUTION

## *February 25, 2011*

**PREAMBLE:** We, the students of Room 15, in order to form a more perfect classroom, establish fairness, insure peace and quiet, provide a safe environment, and promote learning, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION of Rm. 15.

### **Article I. GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE**

The system of government is to be modeled after that of the United States, which includes three branches consisting of the Judicial, the Congressional, and the Executive. All rules and regulations concerning the establishment of law will be given to these branches. The Executive Branch is the President. This job will be filled by the teacher or the substitute teacher in his absence. The Judicial is the Supreme Court. The school principal will serve as the Supreme Court Justice, while each student delegation will appoint one member to serve as Judge under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The Congressional Branch includes the Senate and the House. Each state delegation will appoint one member to serve in the Senate and two members to serve in the House of Representative.

### **Article II. LAWS of the LAND**

Nothing in this document, nor anything that goes on in Room 15, can be contrary to the laws, rules, and guidelines of the United States government, the State of Oregon, School District 6, or Central Point Elementary.

### **Article III. POWER of the PRESIDENT**

The "president" will enforce all rules and determine appropriate consequences unless the Supreme Court decides otherwise. The Supreme Court will make its decisions based solely upon this document. When the president is absent, the substitute may elect to temporarily suspend amendments four through sixteen.

### **Article IV: COMPUTER LAB (NJ)**

Gold Card Kids can go to the Computer Lab provided they have a "computer pass" and are supervised by Mrs. DeVries. Students may play appropriate games only, or they may work on their web pages.

### **Article V: ELECTRONIC DEVICES (GA, NY)**

Students have the right to bring and use electronic devices during free time provided the games being played are not violent (such as Pacman). Students may use personal music players during recess, free time, during fitness, and on the bus during field trips, and when finished with work. If a teacher catches a student listening to music during instruction, the teacher has the right to confiscate the device and change the student's card. The offending student may claim the device after school. All music must be appropriate. Nothing but "clean versions" are allowed.

### **Article VII: GUM (NY)**

To improve brain function, students have the right to chew as many pieces of gum as they want, but only in Room 15. Students may only chew their own gum. The gum must be sugar-free. If gum wrappers are found on the floor, or any gum wads found anywhere, the entire class will lose their gum-chewing rights for one full week.

### **Article VIII: RECESS (NY)**

Students have the right to go to recess at 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. every school day. They must leave before or on time at the time assigned for that month.

### **Article IX: FRIDAY BONUS (RI, PA)**

Gold Card Kids have the right to extra recess, movie in class during lunch time, extra PE time, or some other bonus every Friday provided the students are supervised by a teacher or aide. Students must possess a permission slip from home to watch the movie and the movie must be PG or lower. Students get to choose the movie being shown.

### **Article X: TWITTER (GA)**

Students have the right to twitter on the primary classroom computer on The Daily Platypus up to four times per day for no more than three minutes at a time. The topic must be appropriate, responsible, and respectful.

### **Article XI: CLASSROOM PETS (NJ)**

Students have the right to provide classroom pet for up to one week at a time provided it is not a cat or a dog or anything that makes noise. The pet must be kept in a cage or tank provided by the student. Cleaning up after the pet is the responsibility of the person who brought it. After one week, the President may choose someone else to bring in a class pet.

### ~~**Article XII: JOB WHEEL (SC)** Vetoed by the President—Checkbook Project replaces Job Wheel~~

~~The Job Wheel is to be spun every week. Students get one Roadrunner Track every day for doing their jobs.~~

### **Article XIII: BATHROOM BREAKS (GA)**

Students have the right to use the restroom whenever they want provided they have demonstrated cleanliness and bathroom respect. A bathroom pass will not be required. Students have a maximum of three (3) minutes to complete a "#1" and up to ten (10) minutes for a "#2" and they must identify it on the bathroom sign-out chart.

### **Article XIV: MOVIES (SC)**

Students have the right to watch a movie on TV every two (2) weeks provided their card is on green.

### **Article XV: SNACKS (RI)**

Gold Card Kids can eat food in class provided it's like crackers and not like fruit roll-ups. Students may not snack on candy unless provided by the teacher and students may not snack on the main course of their lunch. Students violating this rule will be required to flip his or her card.

### **Article XVI: WATER BOTTLES (RI)**

Students may have water bottles on their desks to drink from in class any time of the day provided they're using good manners. They may not make noise with their water bottles. They may not re-use plastic water bottles, which must be discarded after one use unless they're hard plastic.

**Article XVII: FLIP-FLOPS (NY)**

Students have the right to wear flip-flops at school provided the student brings an extra pair of shoes for Fitness, Physical Education, and Recess. They may not wear broken flip flops and they must wear clean socks. Students may not take their flip-flops off in class. The penalty for violating this article will be one warning followed by a card change.

**Article XVIII: ART (NJ)**

Students have the right to art at least once a week provided they are under control and following directions. Watercolors are not allowed unless the project calls for it. Students are required to wear paint shirts, either those provided by the teacher or their own brought from home.

**Article XIX: MATHKETBALL (NY)**

Students have the right to play Mathketball every day during math class. When one tournament ends, a new one must ensue. Students get to name their own teams. Students have the right to choose their own teams, but the teacher may assign leftover students.

**Article XX: PE**

Students have the right to PE following the regular schedule unless there is an assembly, field trip, or an event outside the teacher's control.

**Article XXI: PAJAMAS (GA)**

Students have the right to have a classroom pajama party on any Friday before or after any given student's birthday.

**Article XXII: CHECKBOOKS**

Students have the right to buy and sell personal items using their classroom checkbooks during free time and at recess. Students must follow the rules established for the checkbook project including paying any licensing fees, fines, and taxes. If an item is deemed "valuable" by the teacher, the student is required to provide a note from his or her parent expressing permission to sell the item.

**Article XXIII: SEATS**

Gold kids have the right to exchange seats with other Gold Card kids for as long as they wish and during any subject. However, students may not exchange seats during instruction. Students may not exchange seats for Mathketball or during other times when the teacher wants them to sit in their own seats.

**Article XXIV: WATER FOUNTAIN**

Students may use the classroom water fountain during classtime provided teacher is not instructing. The teacher is required to provide a working water fountain.

**Article XXV: WORK AREAS**

Gold Card Kids and students on green may use the little room and/or hallway during work sessions provided there are no more than five students in the space at one time.

*AGREED UPON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Februar , 2011 by the CONGRESS OF ROOM 15:*

The signed original is posted in the classroom.

*APPROVED by the PRESIDENT this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2011,, EXCEPTING THOSE DULY VETOED.*

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