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Dear Parents:

It is my pleasure to teach your child Physical Education this year. I thought it would be beneficial to let you know some information about me and my policies and rules in this class.

I have been a teacher with South Madison Community Schools for many years now. Before my arrival, I obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree at Indiana University. I furthered my education in Physical Education at Ball State University in 2001.

Your child's classroom teacher has let you know what day of the week he or she has Physical Education.

Although your child will not be given a grade in P.E. this year, I do have expectations for him/her as I have Indiana standards that I am expected to meet with the students. Each student will be expected to participate each class, wearing tennis shoes, meeting the proficiency level for skills practiced at his or her grade level, and behaving appropriately for class. If you have any questions regarding my policies, please feel free to speak with me.

All students are expected to wear tennis shoes to every gym class each week. It is a safety concern, if this does not happen. When a student does not wear tennis shoes, he or she will receive a written notice for the day on the first offense and may be limited to the activities we are doing in class. However, they will continue to be active with alternative activities. The second offense will be a written response to the importance of appropriate dress attire in gym class during recess time (grade level appropriate). Each time, thereafter, will be dealt with individually. Tennis shoes are soft-soled shoes that cover the toes, heel, and top of the foot. Heelys, boots, sandals, high heels, and dress shoes are not acceptable. This policy is based on my desire to create a safe environment and only tennis shoes provide the appropriate protection and support for the activities the students are expected to perform.

Occasionally, children try to avoid participation by telling me that they are ill or hurt. Therefore, it is my policy that unless a student has a note from a doctor, he or she must participate in physical education class. If the injury is severe, such as a broken bone, I will need a note from a doctor regarding when your child can return and any restrictions he or she may have upon returning. Also, please alert me to any restrictions or serious medical conditions your child may have so that I am prepared to deal with a situation should it arise.

I believe physical education is important in all of our lives, and it is my job to teach your children the skills necessary for them to enjoy physical fitness and exercise throughout their lives. I will encourage all of the students to be physically active in a safe, controlled way. It is also important to me to treat your student with respect, patience, and kindness, and I will expect to be treated with those same qualities in return. I look forward to being a significant person in your child's life, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the remainder of this school year. My email address is [mdenny@smcsc.com](mailto:mdenny@smcsc.com).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Denny

SMCSC Physical Education Teacher