

This year, we will be using "Whole Brain Teaching" techniques in our classrooms. Whole Brain Teaching (WBT) is a kinesthetic, visual, and auditory approach to motivation, learning, and management in the classroom. It keeps the teacher from talking too long and the students engaged. We follow the Whole Brain Teaching Five Classroom Rules (with the addition of the "Golden Rule") and keep score each week. Together, the class can earn special rewards (Chill time, extra recess, homework passes, etc.) at the end of each week. We root for each other, we teach each other, and we move on when something doesn't work.

Whole Brain Teaching Rules

- 1. Follow directions quickly
- 2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
- 3. Raise your hand for permission to leave the room.
- 4. Make SMART choices.
- 5. Make your Dear Teacher Happy!
- 6. Follow the *Golden Rule!*