

# Menu of Positive Reinforcements

It is important to have a classroom plan for providing frequent positive feedback to students as they follow guidelines for success and demonstrate good behavior. *Strive for at least **four** positive interactions to each negative!* Use your BEST language and expectations in both positive and negative consequences. Reinforcement must be important and meaningful to the child. A reinforcement hierarchy allows the student to choose the level of award that is meaningful to him or her. Here are some possibilities for celebrating success:

## Schoolwide Rewards

1. Citizenship award
2. Recognize citizenship award recipients at the end-of-year
3. Honors board recognize students
4. Lunch with the principal.
5. Institute a "Random Acts of Kindness" program that gives awards for spontaneous good acts.
6. Display photos of students of the month for each class on a bulletin board.
7. Have a "Citizen of the Week (or Month)" announced by the principal.
8. Special privileges (e.g. sports event, ice cream passes, etc.). Include anecdotes of commendable student behavior in the school newspaper.
9. Give the morning announcements.
10. Send home cards of praise to recognize students who demonstrate good behavior.
11. Hold a special party for BUGS - "Being Unusually Good Students" - award recipients.
12. Set up a system under which students are given a ticket when caught demonstrating 'character, these tickets can grant the student special privileges, or they can be redeemed to purchase small items.
13. Soccer game in nearby stadium
14. Slip and slide
15. Administrator move desk to roof/under a tree and work all day
16. Staff vs. Student competition (volleyball, soccer)
17. Video game tournament

## Entire Class Rewards:

1. Receive an extra recess.
2. Show a video. (Let the students vote on which one they want to see.)
3. Do a special art project. (Students decide.)
4. Have ten *minutes* off free *time*.
5. Listen to music during work period.
6. Watch a *television* show.
7. Have a popcorn party.
8. Enjoy a brown bag lunch.
9. Have an extra period in the computer lab.
10. Hike around school grounds.
11. Extend lunch period by ten *minutes*. (Teacher supervised.)
12. Have an extra period in the school library.

## **No Cost Rewards for Individual Students**

### **Elementary Level**

1. Ask your teacher to eliminate one of your grades from the grade book.
2. Assist the custodian
3. Assist with morning announcements over the PA system
4. Be a helper in another classroom
5. Be a helper in another room with younger children.
6. Be a messenger.
7. Be a teacher assistant for the day
8. Be excused from one workbook page.
9. Be featured on a photo recognition board
10. Be recognized during announcements
11. Be the first to eat.
12. Be the leader of a class game.
13. Be the line leader or the caboose
14. Be the scout (Person who goes ahead of class to tell the special teacher they are on the way)
15. Borrow the principal's chair for the day
16. Buzz cut a design in an agreeable male's head
17. Call out words during a class spelling bee.
18. Chew sugar-free gum during recess.
19. Choose any class job for the week.
20. Choose music for the class to hear
21. Choose the game during physical education
22. Choose three pieces of art paper to take home.
23. Choose which homework problem the teacher will give the answer to for a freebie
24. Cut the principal's tie off and have your picture featured on a bulletin board with the tie as the frame
25. Dance to favorite music in the classroom
26. Design a class/school bulletin board
27. Do all the class jobs for a day.
28. Do half of an assignment
29. Do only half the math assignment.
30. Draw on a small white board at desk
31. Draw on the chalkboard
32. Draw on the chalkboard.
33. Draw pictures on the chalkboard while the teacher reads to the class (illustrating the story being read)
34. Duct tape the principal to the wall during lunch or an assembly
35. Earn a free pass to a school event or game
36. Earn a gift certificate to the school store or book fair
37. Earn a pass to the zoo, aquarium, or museum
38. Earn a trophy, plaque, ribbon or certificate
39. Earn an item such as a Frisbee, hula hoop, jump rope, paddleball or sidewalk chalk, promoting physical activity
40. Earn extra computer time
41. Earn extra credit
42. Earn free tutoring time from the teacher (spelling secrets, math secrets, writing secrets)
43. Earn play money to be used for privileges

44. Earn the privilege of emailing a parent at work telling of accomplishments
45. Eat lunch outdoors with the class
46. Eat lunch with a school staff member of your choice.
47. Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
48. Eat lunch with an invited adult (grandparent, aunt, uncle)
49. Eat with a friend in the classroom (with the teacher)
50. Enjoy a positive visit with the principal
51. Enjoy class outdoors for the whole class
52. Extra center time or recess time.
53. Get "free choice" time at the end of the day
54. Get a drink from the cold water fountain (There is always one fountain that is better)
55. Get a drink whenever you want to.
56. Get a flash cards set printed from a computer
57. Get a video store or movie theatre coupon
58. Get extra art time
59. Go on a walking field trip (earn privilege for whole class)
60. Go to another class for lunch.
61. Go to the library to select a book to read
62. Go to the media center.
63. Have a 'cut' pass (pass that allows students to cut in line one time.)
64. Have a drawing lesson
65. Have a free serving of milk
66. Have a private talk with the teacher.
67. Have a special sharing time in class to teach something to the other class
68. Have a teacher read a special book to the entire class
69. Have an extra recess
70. Have teacher share a special skill (e.g. Sing, play guitar)
71. Have the teacher make a positive phone call home
72. Have work checked instantly by the teacher.
73. Help another teacher for a few minutes.
74. Help with kindergarten playground supervision.
75. Help your teacher teach a lesson.
76. Join another class for indoor recess.
77. Keep a stuffed animal on your desk for the day.
78. Learn how to do something special on the computer- like graphics or adding sound
79. Learn how to draw something that looks hard, but with help is easy
80. Listen to a tape or CD during lunch.
81. Listen to music while working
82. Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
83. Make a bulletin board.
84. Make deliveries to the office
85. Name put on scrolling marquee with a specific message "Emily Jones says smile and eat your veggies."
86. No early morning work.
87. No homework pass.
88. Operate the remote for a PowerPoint lesson
89. Pick a game at recess that everyone plays including the teacher
90. Play a computer game
91. Play a favorite game or puzzle
92. Play with clay during free time.
93. Read a book to the class
94. Read a story to the principal.

95. Read outdoors
96. Read to a younger class
97. Receive a "mystery pack" (gift-wrapped items such as a notepad, folder, puzzle, sports cards, etc.)
98. Receive a 5-minute chat break at the end of the class or at the end of the day
99. Receive a note of recognition from the teacher or principal
100. Plant, seeds and a pot for growing
101. Art supplies, coloring books, glitter, bookmarks, rulers, stencils, stamps, pens, pencils, erasers
102. Select a paper back book to take home to read from the teacher's personal library
103. Sit at the teacher's desk.
104. Sit by a friend for a day.
105. Sit in a different seat.
106. Sit next to the teacher during story time
107. Sit with a friend at lunch, assembly, etc.
108. Stay in at recess to play a game with a friend.
109. Take a trip to the treasure box (non-food items such as water bottles, stickers, key chains, temporary tattoos, yo-yo's, bubbles, spider rings, charms and pencil toppers)
110. Take attendance for a day.
111. Take care of the class pet
112. Take class animal home for school vacation time
113. Take home a class game for a night
114. Take home a class game for the night.
115. Teach the class a favorite game
116. Teach the class a math lesson
117. Use a timer while you work at your desk.
118. Use colored chalk
119. Use stamps and ink pad.
120. Use the computer.
121. Use the couch or beanbag chair for the day.
122. Use the pencil sharpener at any time.
123. Use the tape recorder and tape a story.
124. Use the teacher's chair instead of your own for a day.
125. Walk with a teacher during lunch
126. Watch a film/tape in another class.
127. Watch a video instead of recess
128. Work as the Principal apprentice for 20 minutes
129. Work in the classroom store.
130. Work in the lunchroom
131. Work in the lunchroom.
132. Work on a mural.
133. Write with a special marker, pen, or pencil for the day

# No Cost Rewards for Individual Students

## Secondary Level

1. Adult volunteers to write a job recommendation for the student
2. All school party on the weekend with different venues for all interests: (students with zero ODR's get to come) Have parents sponsor and chaperone:
  - a. Dance area
  - b. Basketball area
  - c. Game board area
  - d. Conversation pit
  - e. Graffiti wall (piece of sheetrock painted white with sharpies of various colors)
  - f. Karaoke area
  - g. Computer animation area
3. Assisting Coach for any sport
4. Assisting PTO to develop ways to reward teachers who go out of their way to help students
5. Chance to go to grade school and teach students about a topic of interest
6. Choosing to do a PowerPoint for the class on a particular subject of interest
7. Choosing what assignment the class does for homework
8. Designing theme for school dance, ice cream social, game night
9. Dress as the school mascot during a game
10. Earning the chance to be the water/towel person at a sporting event
11. Earning the chance to do stagecraft for any school performance (lights, stage design, props)
12. Earning the chance to scoreboard assist at a game
13. Eating lunch with a preferred adult
14. Free entrance to a dance
15. Free entrance to a football, basketball, etc. game
16. Free library pass to research a topic of interest
17. Getting a postcard in the mail telling parents what teachers admire most about their child
18. Getting to apprentice at one of the business partners with the school (grocery store, bank, etc.) on the weekend.
19. Getting to buzz cut a design in the principal's hair (custodian's hair)
20. Getting to cut the principal's tie off (use loop to frame student's face on a bulletin board of fame)
21. Getting to duct tape the principal to the wall
22. Getting to scoop food at the cafeteria for a lunch period (social opportunity)
23. Getting to shoot a video about the school's expectations to show on CC TV
24. Hall pass to leave class 5 minutes early and go by the coldest water fountain
25. Help from an adult of choice on a class they are struggling with (Free tutoring)
26. Homework free night
27. Learning how to do something of interest on the computer (animation, graphics, CAD)
28. Learning how to play chess
29. Learning how to play sports even if they didn't make the team
30. Learning how to run the light board or sound booth for a school performance
31. Let student make a bulletin board in the front hall highlighting an event of choice
32. Make the morning announcements
33. Office aid for a period
34. Opportunity to be part of a brainstorming adult team at the school
35. Eat lunch outdoors at a special table

36. Eat lunch with a parent or grandparent at a special table
37. Introduce the players over the PA during a home game
38. Shadow business owner for a day- credit for writing about the experience
39. Shadow the principal for an hour or the day
40. Take care of lab animals in Science class
41. Principal grills hotdogs for students who have 0 tardies in the month & this student helps
42. Leave book in class overnight instead of having to lug to locker
43. Privilege of seeing embarrassing photo of adult that no one else sees (Senior Portrait)
44. Reserved seating at a school play for student and five friends
45. Send home a postcard about positive things the student has done this week
46. Serve as a student ambassador if visitors come to the school
47. Serving as a “page” for a local politician for the day
48. Serving as a door greeter for a parent night at school with a badge of honor to wear
49. Singing karaoke during lunch (approved songs)
50. Sit at score table in basketball game
51. Sit in score box at a football game
52. Sitting in the teacher’s chair for the period
53. Special parking preference for a day
54. Special recognition at any school event- Guest DJ one song at dance etc.
55. Special seating at lunch table with friends
56. Student gets to pick which problem the teacher will make a freebie answer on homework
57. Student plans spirit week activity for one of the days (hat day, sunglasses etc.)
58. Teacher aid for special needs classroom
59. Teaching special needs student how to play a game
60. Student is given a golf cart ride from the class of their choice to the next class

## No Cost Rewards for Adults in the Building

1. Adult gets to pick what the topic for a faculty meeting is going to be
2. Adult gets to rent the principal's chair for the day
3. At Family Math Night all the adults are highlighted in a video montage
4. Bulletin board highlighting staff of the day showing treasures provided by their family (surprise) If you have about 90 staff members one every other day would work
5. Dim the lights in the staff lounge and get a volunteer masseuse to come provide 5 minute neck rubs during planning periods- Play restful music
6. Donut day- These donuts are in honor of \_\_\_\_\_'s contribution to your school
7. During morning announcements highlight something that an adult in the building did and tell why
8. Duty free lunch period
9. Find a beauty school and get someone to volunteer to come in and do 5 minute manicures
10. Flowers on the desk from someone's garden (with permission)
11. Get a donation of a shopping cart to keep at the school for adults bringing in huge loads of supplies
12. Golden plunger award from custodian for classroom that was the cleanest
13. Golden spatula award from cafeteria staff for most polite class of the week
14. GOOSE- Get Out Of School Early- No staying for the 30 after
15. Have the principal make up a rap song about being cool in school and perform it on the CCTV for the school- Staff of the Day get to be background dancers
16. Limo ride to school and home for staff of the day- This sounds weird but funeral parlors will sometimes provide this service for free if they aren't using the cars that day- Don't Tell rule applies
17. Mini-fridge for a week in the adults' office area filled with his or her favorite drink
18. Once a month host an ice cream social with a "sister"- "brother" school. Alternate schools each month and let teachers tour getting ideas from each other on lesson plans, bulletin boards, etc. I Spy something great I'd like to duplicate
19. Permission to leave the building at lunch time for lunch off campus
20. Plan a big faculty meeting or inservice at someone's house – with a pool and a grill instead of sitting on the little dot seats in the cafeteria
21. Principal and staff member trade jobs for a day
22. Postcard sent home detailing something admired in the adult
23. Preferred parking space
24. Principal institutes a pineapple upside down day- Everyone comes in and is assigned a different job for half a day- Everyone has to have their job description or lesson plans written down step by step
25. Principal kidnaps a class after PE or recess and take them somewhere else. Send a messenger to the teacher telling him or her to put their feet up for 20 minutes. Teach a lesson to the class on something of interest to you- American History- Art etc.
26. Principal leaves love notes on adults' desks – not the 6:00 news kind- the kudos kind
27. Principal takes over morning or afternoon duty for an adult in the building
28. Principal writes lesson plans for teacher for one period
29. PTO takes turns baking a casserole once a week for an adult "gotcha" receiver
30. Sneak into the school over the weekend and write a note on each classroom white board telling them to "Have a Great Week"
31. Special table outdoors for teachers to enjoy sunshine during lunch
32. Surprise an adult in the building by letting two or three students wash their car- be careful on this one though- There are also services that come on sight and wash cars for a fee- possibly PTO could sponsor
33. Valet parking for a day

# Home Rewards

## Elementary Level

1. Dairy Queen Date – every Friday go out with your child if they have demonstrated good behavior
2. Go together to the movies
3. Tie allowance to school behavior
4. Gum, soda, candy
5. Earn extra time before bed
6. Go to the store to choose a new toy, video game, CD
7. Go shopping for a new clothing item
8. Play catch
9. Color or do an art project together
10. Earn a pet by showing exceptional responsibility at school and home
11. Opportunity to go out for sports at school
12. Television time
13. Video game time
14. Special time with favorite family member (aunt, uncle)
15. Park date
16. Going swimming
17. Going for walk
18. Museum visits (Exploratorium)
19. Choose what is for dinner that night
20. Game night (child's choice)
21. Pizza Movie night at home (child's choice)
22. Picnic in the backyard
23. Rotate your child's toys so that they can choose which toys they want out for a period of time
24. Cooking together
25. Sleepover at grandma and grandpa's house
26. Making cookies together
27. Go to a baseball game
28. Camping in the backyard
29. Listening to music of choice in the car
30. New music for ipod
31. Parent bring lunch to school for child and his/her friends
32. Taking dance or music lessons
33. Free pass from chores

# Home Rewards

## Secondary Level

1. Car privileges
2. Taking dance or music lessons
3. Redecorating your room
4. Additional phone or computer time
5. Taking the car to school for the day
6. Free pass from chores
7. Getting special hair cut or style
8. Magazine subscription
9. Tie allowance to school behavior
10. Go shopping for a new clothing item
11. Gift Card to favorite store
12. Slurpees, Jamba Juice
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