



★ Dear Parent and Families:

★ I am very pleased to be your child's teacher this year and I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few months. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about a discipline program that will be used in my classroom this year. Dr. Thomas Phelan, a clinical psychologist developed this program called **1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12**. It is a program that incorporates specific, gentle techniques to stop undesirable behavior as well as to encourage positive behavior.

★ Of course, the number one priority during the school day is instruction. I want your child and all of the students in the class to learn as much as possible this year. I find that by having a discipline program that is both warm and demanding, my students and I are able to put the majority of our energy into academics.

★ Parents and teachers have used **1-2-3 Magic** successfully since 1984. This is an evidence-based program that is easy to use and that works very effectively.

★ There are 3 steps to **1-2-3 Magic**:

- ★ • Step 1 involves managing undesirable behavior by counting to 1, 2, or 3. On the count of 3, the student will take a five-minute time out. This simple technique is remarkably helpful because it gives students time to reflect on their behavior.
- ★ • Step 2 involves encouraging good behavior. There are several simple methods for encouraging constructive actions in kids such as positive reinforcement and reward systems.
- ★ • Step 3 involves using some valuable tools for maintaining healthy relationships with children, including active listening, shared fun, and class meetings.

★ All of these steps work together and contribute to a positive classroom climate where your child will feel welcome and comfortable, and where he or she will work and learn productively.

★ Please let me know if you have any questions.

★ Sincerely,
★ Mrs. Crowell

