

HUMOROUS AWARDS

I started giving out humorous awards at the end of the year to my grade eight home room. I found these awards to be super popular and once I started the pressure was on to keep giving them out the next year....just so you know before you consider doing it! It took a while to come up with an award for each student. I could generally whip through the list and have a silly award for all but two students - then I would consult other teachers to get ideas for the elusive ones. Each student got his own award with the appropriate dollar store toy.

"Best Groomed" received a comb. The "noisiest" students (quiet ones of course) got noisemakers - inevitably later in the day some other student would have "borrowed" the noisemaker to maximize the effect! I would group the awards so that shy people didn't feel they were the butt of a joke. One year I had five "Boys that Play" awards, they received bathtub animals. The "Punctual Students" (late of course) received toy watches. Any fun category worked for this award.

The rules were - you have to be present for the pre-set "Carter Funny Awards" period in order to get your award. This encouraged attendance at the end of the year.

Each student would get a treat, toy and award. Here is my template, feel free to download and substitute your information. I've underlined what you need to change to make the award yours. Yes, I had 34 students in my homeroom that year!

*85 was the name of my class

**Please change the fine print at the end - it should be your own in-jokes.

NAME OF STUDENT

**HAS BEEN AWARDED
THE
PRESTIGIOUS, WONDERFUL
HUMOUROUS
(MRS. CARTER HUMOROUS OF COURSE)
AWARD OF**

"NOISIEST STUDENT"

**IN THIS YEAR
OF THE 85
2008 - 2009**

**YOU HAVE BEEN HONORED TO BE
CHOSEN FOR THIS
AWARD
AND TO HAVE BEEN IN THE 85
CLASS OF 34 (final count) SOULS THIS YEAR**

THE FINE PRINT:

WITH THIS PRIVILEGE YOU HAVE CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS:

- 1) DO NOT SMILE, ACKNOWLEDGE OR OTHERWISE SEEM TO REMEMBER MRS. CARTER AT ALL WHEN YOU ARE IN GRADE NINE - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROLLING YOUR EYES BEHIND HER BACK
- 2) WHEN SEEING MRS. CARTER IN THE MALL (ANY MALL) SCREAM OUT HER NAME REALLY REALLY LOUDLY
- 3) NEVER TELL ANYONE THAT YOU LIKED MRS. CARTER OR ANY OTHER JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER
- 4) NEVER CONTACT MRS. CARTER WHEN YOU ARE A SUCCESS IN LIFE (OR VERY HAPPY). SHE WOULD BE UPSET TO FIND OUT ONE OF HER STUDENTS SUCCEEDED. JUST BUY HER CD/VIDEO/BOOK.
- 5) SEE THE HUMOUR IN EVERYTHING; IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT....

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