



Not so Crazy Quilt

A team and character building activity

Materials:

- ◆ Colored and white paper about 5" by 8".
 - (Index cards come in 5x8 sizes, or cut construction paper in half)
- ◆ Crayon or markers

To set classroom expectations while giving students some voice in classroom rules, try this activity. It results in an attractive bulletin board which will serve as a reminder of positive behaviors to all who pass by.

1. **Brainstorm** with students the rules which will help you all to have a successful year. **Write** contributions on the board. They may be universal, such as "Raise your hand" "Listen hard" or "Be nice to everyone" or may be rules which apply more to individuals. Some examples of these would be "Leave your hat in your locker" or "Remember to pack your bag the night before." More than one student will benefit from the reminder, and those who have already mastered it will feel accomplished.
2. When many (try for 20 or more) are listed, give each student a piece of paper and have them **choose** the rule which means the most to them, or the one they will focus on most this year.
3. Students then **write** the rule on the paper in **large print** and make it dark enough to see from a distance.
4. Then students **decorate** and **illustrate** the card creatively.
5. Share the cards, then **mount** them on a bulletin board with edges touching, so the result is a large "crazy quilt" full of "not so crazy" reminders.
6. A final nice touch would be for students to compliment each other on their work.