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star student

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I don't think it's horrible if you don't have a Star Student (several of my colleagues don't), but I really think you could make it easier on yourself and still do it. Mine sure look forward to their week!

Since I have a jungle theme, I have a King/Queen of the Jungle. I'll attach the letter I send home to parents so you can see what privileges it gives the child. I'll also attach the form they fill out (at home) and put on a small bulletin board in our classroom library, so the other kids can read it throughout the week.

The whole thing doesn't take time away from learning, so it works for us! :)

For a personal note from classmates, I do that on birthdays. On the first week of school, I give the kids a birthday sheet (I'll attach that, too) and put it on their desk. Everyone walks around and writes one or 2 words about what they like about that child. Since we talk about classroom community at the beginning of the year, it ties right in with it. We talk about saying only positive messages, put some examples on the board, etc... They use different colored markers to make the sheet colorful. Then they go back to their seats and glue their own paper onto contruction paper. I laminate all of them and save them in my file cabinet. When it's the child's birthday, I have it waiting on their desk when they arrive that morning (along with a goodie bag). They love it! It only takes 30-45 min. of classtime - and that's for the whole year! :)

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