

# "Strikes and Good Choice Tickets"

## Management in the Elementary School Library


### Upper grades (Strikes):

- ✗ classes compete against each other for a prize given out every 2 weeks (Oriental Trading Company)
- ✗ every child in the winning class gets a prize
- ✗ classes get strikes for breaking library rules
- ✗ some classes don't appear to care about strikes, so I just have them practice being quiet (sitting perfectly quiet for 1 minute) every time they get a strike, they also may not participate in the competition
- ✗ the class with the fewest number of strikes at the end of 2 weeks wins
- ✗ if there is a tie, one of the classes is "pulled out of a hat"
- ✗ I find this method works well because
  1. I encourage classmates to remind others to keep the noise level down
  2. kids like competition
  3. but MOSTLY because they really care what their peers think of them at this age and if someone blows it for their class, they feel the wrath of the whole class

### Lower grades (Good Choice Tickets):

- ☀ kids earn a ticket to put in a bucket when they are making good choices (following rules) in the library
- ☀ every 2 weeks I choose 2 names from the bucket to win a prize (books that have been donated and a pencil)

**Good Choice!**



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