**Jackpot! Ideas for Classroom Rewards**

Read through this list for reward ideas that will motivate your students.

**Academic Activities**

* Go to the library to select a book
* Help a classmate with an academic assignment
* Help the teacher to present a lesson (e.g., by completing sample math problem on blackboard, reading a section of text aloud, assisting cooperative learning groups on an activity)
* Invite an adult "reading buddy" of student's choice to classroom to read with student
* Listen to books-on-tape
* Play academic computer games
* Read a book of his/her choice
* Read a story aloud to younger children
* Read aloud to the class
* Select a class learning activity from a list of choices
* Select a friend as a "study buddy" on an in-class work assignment
* Select friends to sit with to complete a cooperative learning activity
* Spend time (with appropriate supervision) on the Internet at academic sites

**Helping Roles**

* 'Adopt' a younger student and earn (through good behavior) daily visits to check in with that student as an older mentor
* Be appointed timekeeper for an activity: announce a 5-minute warning near end of activity and announce when activity is over
* Be given responsibility for assigning other students in the class to helping roles, chores, or tasks
* Complete chores or helpful activities around the classroom
* Deliver school-wide announcements
* Help the custodian
* Help the library media specialist
* Help a specials teacher (e.g., art, music, gym)
* Take a note to the main office
* Work at the school store

**Praise/Recognition**

* Be awarded a trophy, medal, or other honor for good behavior/caring attitude
* Be praised on school-wide announcements for good behavior or caring attitude
* Be praised privately by the teacher or other adult
* Design--or post work on--a class or hall bulletin board
* Get a silent "thumbs up" or other sign from teacher indicating praise and approval
* Have the teacher call the student's parent/guardian to give positive feedback about the student
* Have the teacher write a positive note to the student's parent/guardian
* Post drawings or other artwork in a public place
* Post writings in a public place
* Receive a "good job" note from the teacher

**Prizes/Privileges/Rewards**

* Allow student to call parent(s)
* Be allowed to sit, stand, or lie down anywhere in the classroom (short of distracting other children) during story time or independent seat work
* Be dismissed from school 2 minutes early
* Be given a 'raffle ticket' that the student writes name on and throws into a fishbowl for prize drawings
* Be permitted to sit in a reserved section of the lunchroom
* Be sent to recess 2 minutes earlier than the rest of the class
* Draw a prize from the class 'prize box'
* Earn behavior-points or -tokens to be redeemed for prizes or privileges
* Have first choice in selecting work materials (e.g., scissors, crayons, paper) and/or seating assignments
* Have lunch in the classroom with the teacher
* IOU redeemable for credit on one wrong item on a future in-class quiz or homework assignment
* Receive a coupon to be redeemed at a later time for a preferred activity
* Receive a sticker
* Receive candy, gum, or other edible treats
* Receive pass to "Get out of one homework assignment of your choice"
* Select a class fun activity from a list of choices
* Select the pizza toppings for a class pizza party
* Sit near the teacher
* Take the lead position in line
* Tell a joke or riddle to the class

**Recreation**

* Be selected by the teacher to accompany another student to a fun activity
* Get extra gym time with another class
* Get extra recess time with another class
* Listen to music
* Play a game with a friend
* Play non-academic computer games
* Select fun activity from "Activity Shelf" (stocked with play materials, games)
* Spend time (with appropriate supervision) on the Internet at recreational sites
* Watch part or all of a video (preselected by the teacher and cleared with the student's parent)
* Work on a jigsaw or other puzzle
* Write or draw on blackboard/whiteboard/easel paper