Classroom Management Plan

I believe that students learn best when they are comfortable with their surroundings. I will make my learning environment respectful so students feel safe in sharing ideas and thoughts. In a Social Studies classroom, controversial topics and current events will be brought up and students need to feel comfortable in order to have class discussions. It is crucial that students learn how to have discussions and arguments in a safe environment before they are required to have them in the real world. The only way to make a safe and respectful classroom is by employing good classroom management skills such as consistent discipline and procedures. These skills need to be employed the first day of school and consistently reinforced throughout the year. I think it is important that students help create the rules so they feel apart of the classroom as well as more responsibility for the keeping the rules. It is important to have a few simple norms posted in the classroom. This prevents confusion and disagreements on rules. Having procedures in place for most situations also cuts down on the need for discipline because students will be busy throughout the whole class period.

Consistency is important for classroom management as well. Consistently enforcing norms and discipline is crucial for students to respect each other and myself. My discipline plan would be consistent throughout individual and group discipline. I will give positive and negative reinforcements for individual and group behavior, while concentrating more on positive reinforcement. Positive reinforcement would include reward days, praise, and fun activities. I strive to keep a positive learning environment. Negative reinforcements for bad behavior would include taking away participation points or take away any given privileges. Negative reinforcements will only be used in extreme circumstances. Letters would be sent home for extreme bad behavior to communicate with parents. Positive and negative reinforcement will be employed consistently throughout the year in discipline matters.