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How to Earn Bonus Bucks in Room 11

In fifth grade at Travilah Elementary School, the students earn Bonus Bucks. These Bonus Bucks can be spent at the Bonus Buck Auction at the end of the first three marking periods. They can also be spent during the Bonus Buck Shop during the last marking period. Bonus Bucks have sometimes been traded among students for various items such as pencils or pens. But how do you earn Bonus Bucks? There are many ways to earn them in Room 11.

One way to earn Bonus Bucks is to have good behavior. Sometimes, when you help out around the room, Bonus Bucks are awarded. When you do your job every day and you do a good job, Bonus Bucks may also be awarded. Many times the whole class is awarded Bonus Bucks. Usually, this is when Mrs. Cohen issues a challenge. For example, if the class was going to an assembly or a cultural arts program, Mrs. Cohen might say, "If our class is *perfect* at the [assembly or cultural arts program], I will give the whole class ten Bonus Bucks. That is issuing a challenge. These ways of earning Bonus Bucks are awarded because of how you act, but there are also ways to earn Bonus bucks that you have to do work, such as writing or researching.

The easiest way to earn Bonus Bucks is to complete one of the Bonus Buck worksheets, located in your green Bonus Buck folder. Turn them in to Mrs. Cohen for five, ten, or even fifteen Bonus Bucks. You can also read five D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read), which are reading-for-pleasure books. Once you've read the books, write them on your Year Long Independent Reading Chart and get them signed by a parent. Then, cash them in to Mrs. Cohen for twenty-five Bonus Bucks. You can also make a card for the card catalog (located by the Reading Corner) about one of the books you read in Mrs. Cohen's library. There are directions to do this on the lid of the card catalog box. Besides that, doing one of the Bonus Buck activities on the bulletin board can also earn Bonus Bucks. These usually involve research and writing.

Substitutes tend to give out Bonus Bucks, especially those who does Table Tallies. Table Tallies are given to each table for good behavior and the Tallies are recorded on a chart on the board. If your table receives the most Tallies, your whole table gets Bonus Bucks. So be sure to be good when there are substitute teachers, and persuade others to be good as well. Also, when there are substitutes, Mrs. Cohen usually issues a challenge for a spotless room. When she does be sure to look on the floor for any trash and organize the shelves. Remind others to do so too. Do as many of these Bonus Buck-awarding things as you can and spend your riches on cool stuff.