



"GAGGLE OF GEESE"

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates an uplift for the bird that follows. By flying in a "V" formation the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Guideline 1: I listen and follow directions the first time they are given. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

Guideline 2: I sit in my seat and I do not get up from my seat unless I have permission to do so. If we have as much sense as geese we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. Otherwise we will feel the drag and resistance.

Fact 3: When the lead goose tires it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Guideline 3: I raise my hand and wait to be called upon before I speak. It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks so that we can all share leadership responsibilities.

Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Guideline 4: I have ALL my needed class materials (pencils, paper, books, assignments, etc.) with me EVERYDAY when I arrive at class. I understand that I will not be excused from class to get any forgotten materials once class has started. I leave my personal property (toys, trading cards, video games, etc.) at home while I am at school otherwise these things could get lost, stolen, or taken away from me. We must "honk" or remind one another to bring the required materials to class every day. Valuable time is wasted when students return to their lockers or ask fellow students to loan them supplies.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again and then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

Guideline 5: I respect the rights of others and keep my hands, feet, and other objects to myself. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities, and unique arrangement of gifts, talents, and resources. We must be willing to accept their help as well as give out our help to others in need. If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

--This came from a teacher from the Twinsburg City Schools.