A Classroom Constitution

The U.S. Constitution is the highest law of the land and the foundation of American government. To celebrate Constitution Day, use this famous document as a model to create your own classroom constitution. Just follow the guidelines below.

1. The U.S. Constitution begins with a statement called the Preamble. Its main point is that the U.S. government was established by the people. It also describes the goals of the Constitution: to guarantee justice, peace, and liberty for the nation's citizens. What are your goals for your classroom? List them here:

   We, the people of Room _____________, share the goals of
   _________________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________________________________.

2. The main body of the U.S. Constitution establishes the three branches of the U.S. government and explains how important decisions will be made. What will the government of your classroom be like? What responsibilities will the teacher and principal have? What responsibilities will the students have? Describe your classroom government here:

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3. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights and describe the basic freedoms Americans enjoy. What freedoms will the citizens of your classroom have? Describe them here:

   Citizens of our classroom should have the freedom to:
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   _________________________________________________________________________________________
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   Citizens of our classroom should have freedom from:
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