Classroom Goals

Limited Distractions

Quiet while I'm teaching but otherwise mild noise
Aisles clear enough to walk through easily
Desks in a creative arrangement, but so as not to distract or hinder learning
Environment where group work is used often
Positive atmosphere and respect to and from all
A place where "homework" is rarely sent home, but rather done in class

How I will accomplish this?

When I have my own classroom, I plan to set up the room so that the walls are not too drab and the students have an environment that fosters creativity instead of boredom. I plan to decorate the room, but to do so mildly as not to cause distractions. I also plan to arrange the desks creatively in different arrangements and change these every so often so as to foster creativity and keep things from becoming too habitual. I won't mind if students have book bags near their desks, however I need to be able to walk up and down the aisle ways to work with and check on students. I will most likely, if the school policy allows, have food and drinks for my students occasionally each month and even allow them to have cans of pop or bottled water with them in the classroom on a daily basis. I want to have my students work in groups quite often, as there are few things in this world in which we work alone; two heads are better than one. Group work can be very successful, but discerning who should work together might take some time. It also can serve as an opportunity to challenge students to work with someone that they'd rather not. I want my classroom to be a place that is always positive, realistic, but positive. I also expect it to be a place where respect is given to all and from all. I expect the room to be quiet while I'm teaching, however mild noise during homework and that will be okay. I also don't desire to give lots of homework. For the most part and when possible, I want the work to be done in class because students have enough to do the way it is. By the time they spend 7-8 hours in class, then extracurricular activities, and have homework in each class each night, they have little time for enjoying life with family and friends. These are just a few that I thought of right off and I'm sure I'll think of more later. Once in a while the students will have homework, but I hope to make it meaningful work and not busywork as a substitute for my job as a teacher.