

## **That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me!**

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My name is Norman David Edwards...  
but everybody calls me  
“Noodle.”

Sometimes I get into  
trouble because I don't  
**follow the rules.**

But I think there are **way too  
many rules** in our world, and some  
of them don't even apply to me!



*At school we have rules for everything...  
No hitting, no butting, don't cheat.  
Don't run in the halls. You must raise your hand.*

***“Hey Noodle...  
Please stay  
in your  
seat!”***







At home I have a ***gazillion rules...***  
“No, Noodle, you can’t have a pet mouse.”  
I can’t have friends over when  
my mom’s not home.  
And I can’t wear my shoes in the house!

I can’t have my computer or my video games  
in my room overnight.  
“It’s 10 pm, Noodle, bring your fun  
stuff to my room.”  
***“Ah, Mom, that just isn’t right!”***



“Noodle, you do realize that having rules is a good thing, don’t you?”

“Some rules maybe. But, Mom, I seriously feel like

grown-ups stay up all night **thinking**  
**up RULES** to make my life miserable!”

“Rules aren’t made to  
**HURT YOU**, Noodle,  
they’re made to  
**PROTECT YOU!** Think about it...

if you had a Rule-Free Day  
at school, it might turn out to

***be a disaster!”***

