Definitions of Keywords

Behavior—the way in which one acts (good or bad)

Example: Waiting your turn to speak in class showed good behavior.

Manners—the correct way of behaving depending upon the time and place you live or group you belong to (dictated by social norms, changes)

Example: In my family, it is good manners to let my mother speak first without interrupting her.

Other terms you may know or hear used

Deportment—manner of personal conduct or behavior (how you control or present yourself)

Example: One of the first things a soldier has to learn is proper military deportment.

Conduct—the way one acts, especially in regard to morality and ethics (following a code of what is right or wrong held by a society, for example the United States, or by a smaller group, for example your school).

Example: Professional organizations set up standards of ethical conduct for their members.

Customs—regular social practices specific to a family, group, or region; something done so often it becomes habit or tradition, often tied into religion and culture.
Examples: It is the *custom* in public schools to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is a *custom* for U.S. families to celebrate the 4th of July with a picnic and fireworks display.

**Community**—a group of people having common interests and a common identity. A classroom is a community with the common interest of learning and growing.

Example: The students in Room 22 hope to become a *community* of learners by showing good behavior in the classroom.