

# WEEK 22 **Respecting Our Country**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

Being an American citizen is a great honor. With that honor comes great responsibility. This week, second graders are learning the words of the National Anthem and why those words are a promise not to be broken. Sharing the story behind our country's national anthem helps children develop a respect for our flag and a deep desire to honor our country. This week, second graders are learning the following:

- The words to our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- The meaning behind the words to the national anthem
- Why the words to the National Anthem are important

When we teach children to appreciate the freedoms of our country, we help them develop respect for those who defend our country.

## **For the Heart of Your Child**

You can help instill respect for the freedoms we enjoy in our country in the heart of your child. Here are some ideas to reinforce your child's development of respect for our country:

- Stand and face the flag whenever the National Anthem is played.
- It's easy to criticize our president or other leaders, or to complain about all that is wrong with our country. Do your best to show appreciation and respect for the country that gives opportunities to succeed like no other.
- Model how to sing the National Anthem when the opportunity arises, such as during a sporting event. Stand tall, face the flag with your right hand over your heart and do your best to sing the words!

Despite our flaws and struggles, we ought to show gratitude and respect for the country we call home.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what PATRIOTISM and CITIZENSHIP mean!



**PATRIOTISM**—Loving my country

**CITIZENSHIP**—An attitude of cooperation  
for the good of everyone