

WEEK 21 Respecting Our Community



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

This week, children are learning what it means to respect their community by understanding they are a part of something bigger than themselves. Children are learning that “we’re all in this together”—in the classroom, school and community.

- Civility shows respect for others in your community.
- Communities function more smoothly, efficiently, and pleasantly when both adults and children practice common respect for others.
- Respectful communities count on the reinforcement of respectful behavior in classrooms.

This week, third graders are learning about civility by learning to act respectfully at the mall.

For the Heart of Your Child

To reinforce what your child is learning at school this week, make a “Just Act Respectfully” jar by cutting out the scenarios below and placing them in a large jar. At the dinner or breakfast table, pull a couple of slips out of the jar and lead a family discussion on the best way to deal with the situation. You can also add things you’re doing with for discussions on civility.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don’t forget to ask what CIVIL and APPROPRIATE mean!

<p>Should you walk or run in the mall?</p> <p>Walk</p>	<p>When there is a crowd of people in the mall that you need to get through, you do not shove, but rather say...</p> <p>Excuse me!</p>	<p>What should you do if you lose the adult you are with at the mall?</p> <p>Find an adult who works in the store or mall by looking for a name badge and ask for help.</p>	<p>When getting on the elevator, do you first wait for people to get off?</p> <p>You allow people to get off before entering the elevator.</p>
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CIVIL—To respect others and self for the betterment of community

APPROPRIATE—Knowing the right thing to say or do in any given situation

