

WEEK 19 **Respecting Privacy**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

This week, children are learning to respect others' privacy, in many ways:

- Learning to respect the private space and personal belongings of others—especially when no one is looking—helps children develop a deep sense of right and wrong.
- Children learn to share information about others for the right reasons when they learn the difference between tattling and telling.
- Children learn to choose their words carefully when they understand that gossip hurts everyone—the one who is talked about and the one who is doing the talking.

This week, first graders are learning to respect the “space” and “stuff” of others by understanding the following:

- What it means to have a private place
- What it means to have personal belongings
- Why it is important to respect the space and stuff of others

For the Heart of Your Child

Here are a few ways you can reinforce at home what your child is learning at school:

- Teach your child to ask permission before going into someone's private space, such as a purse, wallet, drawer, or closet and taking something that is not his or hers.
- Remind your child of the importance of knocking and waiting for a response before entering someone's house, room, or bathroom.
- Model your own respect for the privacy of others by knocking before entering your child's room and by asking before using or looking through their belongings.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child to define CONSIDERATE and TRUSTWORTHY!

CONSIDERATE—Thinking about the feelings of others before I speak or act

TRUSTWORTHY—Doing what you said you would do when you said you would do it

