

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, first graders are learning about civility by learning to act respectfully in movie theaters.

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 dealing with for discussion.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



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

If you see someone drop something, you should... Help them pick it up!	If a friend gives you a present and you already have one, you should say... Thank you!	If you don’t like the food being served you should... Still eat a “courtesy bite” or say, “No, thank you”	When an elderly person is looking for a seat, you should... Offer your seat!
If you are eating with others and you finish your meal first, you should... Sit quietly and enjoy the conversation!	If someone has her arms full and is trying to open the door, you should... Open the door for her!	When a guest is leaving, you should say... Thank you very much for coming! I had fun!	When you leave someone’s home, you should say... Thank you for having me! I had fun!

CIVIL—Respecting others and myself for the good of our community

APPROPRIATE—Knowing the right thing to say or do

