

WEEK 20 **Respecting Property**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

When children learn the polite way to borrow items from someone else, they gain a deeper understanding of respecting the property of others. This week, second graders are learning:

- How others feel when their belongings are not taken care of.
- Why it is important to respect the belongings of others.

Ask your child to teach you the following chant from one of their favorite Merryville characters, Cap'n Nick:

*If you open it, close it,
If you turn it on, turn it off.
If you unlock it, lock it.*

*If you spill it, clean it up.
If you take it out, put it back.
If you break it, fix it.*

For the Heart of Your Child

Here are a few opportunities for you to reinforce at home what your child is learning about respecting property:

- Set a good example for your children by respecting the belongings of others. Take care of borrowed items and return them in a timely manner.
- Model asking to borrow something using polite speech, such as, “May I please borrow...” and “Thank you for letting me borrow...”
- When you borrow or rent something from a place of business such as a library or hardware store, model how to take care of these items and return them on time.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask about APPRECIATION and RESPONSIBILITY!

APPRECIATION—Recognizing value in people, places and things

RESPONSIBILITY—Following through on my work without being reminded

