

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, second graders are learning about civility by learning to act respectfully in restaurants.

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 issues facing your family for discussion.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



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

<p>If there is a long line to buy tickets, how should you wait in the line?</p> <p>Wait patiently and quietly. Do not skip anyone; do not push anyone or fool around in the line.</p>	<p>When there is a crowd of people you need to get through in a movie theater, you should not shove, but rather say...</p> <p>Please excuse me!</p>	<p>If you really need to get up during the movie, how should you exit the theater?</p> <p>Say “Excuse me” to the people next to you. Do not block the view of people behind you. Exit quickly and quietly.</p>	<p>If you have popcorn and a drink while watching the movie, what do you do with the empty containers after the movie?</p> <p>Put them in the nearest garbage can.</p>
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CIVIL—Respecting others and myself for the good of our community

APPROPRIATE—Knowing the right thing to say or do

