

WEEK 12 Greetings and Introductions



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

Children need to learn how to greet others and make introductions because:

- A heart-felt greeting builds a bridge to others; the absence of a friendly greeting builds a wall.
- A smile breaks through almost any language or cultural barrier. When you smile, the world smiles with you.
- Learning how to greet and introduce others helps young children overcome shyness and uneasiness in social settings.

This week, third graders are learning the importance of making a good first impression.

For the Heart of Your Child

Ask your child to teach you the five-step greeting they learned at school, so you can practice it together!

See – Look your new friend in the eye

Smile – Smile as you look at your new friend

Step – Take one step toward the friend as you shake his or her hand

Shake – Grip his or her hand firmly, but not too hard

Speak – Say, “It’s nice to meet you.”

Other ways you can help reinforce the lesson being learned at school:

- Introduce your child to a new person this week and encourage your child to use the 5 S’s! (You may want to explain to the new person that your child is practicing a new skill!)
- Pretend you’ve never shaken a hand before and allow your child to teach **you** what to do!
- Practice this new skill over and over with your child until it comes naturally.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Ask your child what FRIENDLINESS and MATURITY mean!

FRIENDLINESS—Welcoming others by offering a smile and a kind word

MATURITY—The ability to make the right choice in spite of negative influences

