

# WEEK 17 Respecting the Team



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## For Your Heart

In this week's lesson, students are learning how to be good teammates by playing fairly and playing by the rules. First graders are learning the following:

- A cooperative spirit shows respect for team members through good sportsmanship and selfless interaction with others.
- Learning to cooperate, not just compete, is a necessary skill for success in life.
- Games are more fun when everyone plays by the rules.
- Playing fairly means treating others the way you want to be treated.

## For the Heart of Your Child

You can help your child develop sportsmanship and cooperation. Here are a few activities to reinforce what your child is learning at school:

- Have a family game night once a week by playing a board game or card game. Teach cooperation by encouraging your child to let others go first. Practice good sportsmanship by congratulating the winner.
- Make a copy of "Wilbur's Kindness Pledge" and ask each family member to sign it. Post the pledge in a place everyone will see as a reminder to the whole family of what it means to be a good team player.

### **Wilbur's Kindness Pledge**

Today I pledge to wait my turn,  
Put others first so I can learn.  
Today I pledge to encourage friends,  
It's how you play and not who wins.

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Name

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Date

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child to explain COOPERATION and SPORTSMANSHIP!

**SPORTSMANSHIP**— Being more concerned with helping my team than helping myself

**COOPERATION**—Choosing to be helpful, not hurtful, when I work with others

