

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week we're helping your kindergartner develop the qualities of being a polite guest. Your child is learning that being a polite guest is the best kind of guest. Children are learning the following:

- To knock or ring the doorbell to a friend's home before entering.
- To say hello to their friend and any others in the home when they enter (friend's parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.)
- To express their appreciation when leaving by saying "Goodbye. Thank you for having me," or "I enjoyed myself."

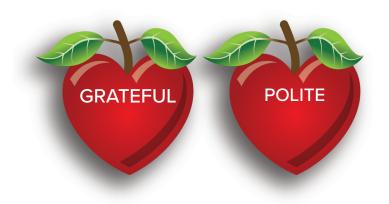
Here are ways you can reinforce the development of politeness and appreciation when your child is a guest:

- Role-play arriving at a guest's home with your child:
  - Ask your child to go outside and ring the doorbell. Answer the door and remind your child to say, "Hello, how are you today? Tommy asked me over to play."
  - Ask your child to pretend to leave by walking him or her to the door. Remind your child to say, "Thank you for having me over. I had a great time. Good- bye. Have a good day."
  - Remember, your child will be watching you to see if you're a good guest when you go places together. Wherever you go, speak to others the way you would want them to speak to you. Be quick to say, "Hello, how are you?" and "Good-bye" with that extra tag—"Have a good day!" Before you know it, your child will be doing the same.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what GRATEFUL and POLITE mean!



**GRATEFUL**—Giving thanks from the heart **POLITE**—Using kind words and actions