

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Two key components of social awareness are the ability to choose safe and ethical behavior and to notice and speak out against unsafe or unethical behavior towards oneself or others. To do this, students must first understand the importance of rules. Students learned that rules are important because they make things **safe** and **fair** for all.

We have been learning about the difference between telling and tattling. It is important to tell an adult when someone is in danger, but letting an adult know about a mistake or a problem you can fix is tattling. Tattling is not helpful or nice.

Help your child to remember the difference between telling and tattling by reminding of these key differences:

Tattling is when -

- you want to get someone in trouble.
- it was an accident.
- no one got hurt.
- you can figure it out.
- it is no big deal.

Telling is when –

- you want to get someone *out* of trouble.
- it was done to be mean.
- someone got hurt or might get hurt.
- you need help.
- it is a big deal.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher