

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Fairness is the starting place for all social skills. Young students begin to understand fairness by learning to share and take turns. As students mature, they develop an understanding that equality is treating everyone the same; whereas fairness is providing everyone what he or she needs to succeed.

We have been learning that tattling is different from telling and some alternatives to tattling. Here are some examples of what to do instead of tattling:

**Help the Person.**

**Talk to the Person.**

**Ignore the Situation.**

**Walk Away.**

Here are some things that you can do with your child to help him or her practice some alternatives to tattling:

- When your child tattles, help your child to realize that he or she is tattling. Then work with your child to choose one of the options to do instead of tattling.
- When reading a book together, have your child notice if the characters are tattling. Talk about the difference between telling and tattling, and how the story would be different if the characters did not tattle.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher