

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 about fairness, and that fair doesn't necessarily mean equal. Here are some examples of what fairness can mean:

Following the Rules.

Taking Turns or Sharing.

Each Person Gets What He or She Needs.

Here are some things that you can do with your child to help him or her learn more about fairness:

- When your child and his or her friends are planning on playing together, talk with them about what they will play and how they will play fairly. Emphasize the need to take turns, follow the rules, and be kind.
- When reading a book together, have your child notice if the characters are being treated fairly. Some possible titles include:
 - *It's not Fair!* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
 - *Rotten and Rascal: The Two Terrible Pterosaur Twins* by Paul Geraghty
 - *Not Fair, Won't Share* by Sue Graves

Sincerely,
Your Child's Teacher