

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Our society is founded on the idea that everyone has the right to fair and equal treatment regardless of their race, age, gender, abilities, or beliefs. For any society to prosper, there needs to be a sense of fairness among its members.

We have been identifying and explaining our rights and the rights of others at school. Rights are freedoms that belong to all people. Everyone has the right to:

be happy,
feel safe,
be educated,
think and believe as we choose, and
express our opinions to others.

With rights come responsibilities. We must respect the rights of others even if they think or believe differently than we do.

Here are a couple of activities you can do with your child to help him or her better understand our rights:

- Talk with your child about how to respect others. Ask your child, *How would you feel if someone made fun of your thoughts or beliefs?* Remind your child that respect is treating someone else the way you want to be treated.
- Watch the nightly news with your child. Talk with him or her about how the rights of people in the world are or are not being met.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher