

WEEK 20 Respecting Property



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Children begin to demonstrate responsibility by cleaning up their own messes. This week, kindergartners are learning the following:

- To clean up after themselves.
- To offer to help others clean up.
- To take care of toys and furniture.
- To keep their classroom organized and clean.

Children are being taught...

If you open it, close it.
If you turn it on, turn it off.
If you unlock it, lock it.
If you spill it, clean it up.
If you take it out, put it back.
If you break it, fix it.

Here are ways you can reinforce what your child is learning about respecting property:

- Encourage your child to pick up trash and put it into the next garbage can he finds. (Next time you are walking into a store you can easily apply this lesson in the parking lot.)
- Set a good example by picking up and cleaning up after yourself.
- Encourage your children to help with cleaning the kitchen after meals. It takes longer to get things done, but if you encourage your child to help with cleanup at home, he will be more appreciative and will learn to share in other responsibilities, as they grow older.
- Have child-friendly cleanup supplies (vinegar and water in a small squirt bottle) on hand to encourage your child to help with chores. Encourage your child to help with messes that are not her fault so she learns the joy of assisting others in cleaning up their spills.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don't forget to ask about APPRECIATION and RESPONSIBILITY!

APPRECIATION—Recognizing value in people, places and things

RESPONSIBILITY—Following through on my work without being reminded

