

# WEEK 13 Encouraging Conversation



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

The opportunity to develop good listening skills is lost in electronic communication, making it hard to experience the give and take of meaningful conversation. First graders are learning:

- Conversations are an opportunity to connect with others.
- If you're talking, you're not learning.
- We show others how much we care for and respect them by the way we participate in conversations.

This week, your child is learning to take turns listening and speaking in conversations. Learning not to interrupt when someone else is speaking, encourages your child to develop good conversation skills.

## **For the Heart of Your Child**

You can help reinforce your child's development of self-control in conversation! Try these quick tips at home this week:

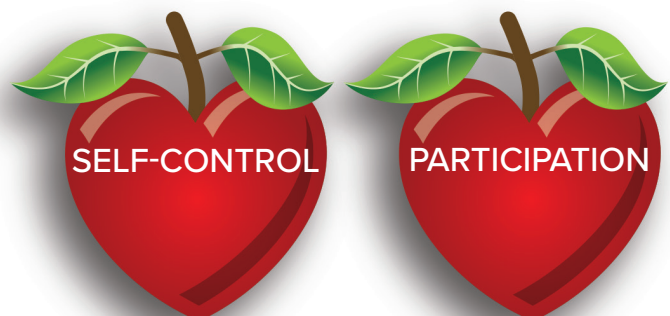
- Take turns asking each other questions and listening to responses. When you hear your child asking questions and listening in conversations, be sure to praise them for good conversation!
- Tell your child about a time when you learned something very important by listening. Tell your child about another time when you made a mistake because you did not listen well in a conversation.

Be sure to thank your child for listening during conversations, not just to directions. You and your child will enjoy talking more and sharing more, too!

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child about SELF-CONTROL and PARTICIPATION!



**SELF-CONTROL**—Managing myself when no one is looking

**PARTICIPATION**—Jumping in to do my part