

WEEK 13 Encouraging Conversation



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

We show others how much we care for and respect them by the way we participate in conversations. This week, second graders are learning to engage in respectful conversation with others. Students are learning the following:

- To respectfully start and end a conversation
- To respectfully join an existing conversation
- To respect a new person joining their conversation

For the Heart of Your Child

You can help reinforce the development of self-control in your child's conversations! Try a few of these quick activities at home this week:

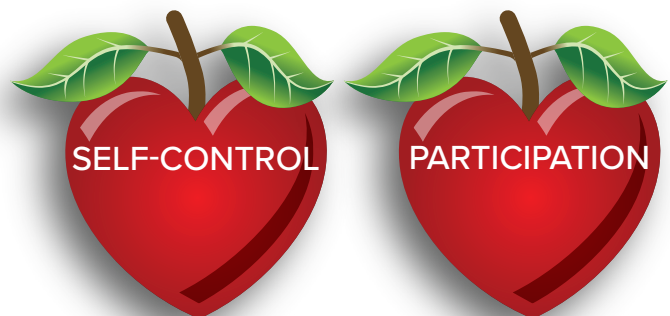
- Help your child understand that conversations involve both people asking and answering questions. Teach your child how to ask questions to start or continue a conversation with another child. Examples might include:
 - When is your birthday? - What is your favorite food?
 - Where did you used to live? - How many family members do you have?
- Set aside time to take turns asking each other questions and listening to responses. Encourage your child to take turns contributing to the conversation.
- Have your child practice conversational skills with someone outside of the family this week. Remind your child to ask questions and encourage the other person with polite words and body language.

Throughout the week, pay close attention to times when your child listens well and asks questions with others. Be sure to thank your child for listening during conversations.

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