

# WEEK 19 **Respecting Privacy**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

This week, children are learning to respect others' privacy, in many ways:

- Learning to respect the private space and personal belongings of others—especially when no one is looking—helps children develop a deep sense of right and wrong.
- Children learn to share information about others for the right reasons when they learn the difference between tattling and telling.
- Children learn to choose their words carefully when they understand that gossip hurts everyone—the one who is talked about and the one who is doing the talking.

This week, second graders are learning the difference between tattling and reporting:

- The goal of tattling is to get someone in trouble, and typically occurs when no one is in any real danger.
- The goal of reporting is to protect or help someone who is hurt or in danger.
- When it is okay to tell an adult about an incident.

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

Take some time at home this week to reinforce what your child is learning about respect of privacy at school:

- Use teachable moments at home with siblings or other family members to remind your child not to tattle.
- Explain to your child why tattling is bad (if you are always telling on others for little incidents, you might not be taken seriously when someone is in real danger).
- Be sure your child understands when to report to an adult. Give specific examples of things they ought to report (e.g. a sibling is hurt on the playground, bullying is occurring, a child is doing something dangerous in an unsafe area, etc). Remind your child that reporting means you are concerned for the safety of someone else, not because you want them to get in trouble.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child to define  
CONSIDERATE and TRUSTWORTHY!

**CONSIDERATE**—Thinking about the feelings  
of others before I speak or act

**TRUSTWORTHY**—Doing what you said you would  
do when you said you would do it

