

# WEEK 23 **Respecting Our Environment**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

As Wise Ol' Wilbur says, "The environment is meant for you and me!" This week, children are learning to respect the environment for the sake of all of us. Second graders are recognizing they have a part to play in keeping their environment clean, so everyone can enjoy the beauty of their surroundings, indoors and outdoors. Children are learning:

- To show respect for the environment and others by reusing materials
- What it means to recycle and why we should do it

Learning to respect the environment is an important part of nurturing a growing heart:

- Teaching children to respect their environment helps to instill appreciation for what they have.
- Learning to conserve our resources encourages children to be creative and inventive, which develops their imagination.
- Children learn they have a part to play in keeping our environment clean so everyone can enjoy the beauty of our world.

Second-graders are showing respect for the environment by reusing and recycling unwanted materials.

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

Here are a few ideas for how you can reinforce what your child is learning:

- Have your child help you change the light bulbs in your home to LED bulbs. Explain that these bulbs will last for years, reduce the number of bulbs going to landfills, and use less energy.
- Donate items to others instead of throwing them away. When you are planning to get rid of old toys and clothes, find a local charity you can donate to and take your child with you to drop them off!
- Look for ways to reuse and recycle household items you already have. Make a commitment to recycle or reuse one thing in your home (reusing coffee grounds for a deodorizer, refilling plastic water bottles, etc.).

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what CONSCIENTIOUS and RESOURCEFUL mean.

**CONSCIENTIOUS**—Diligently careful

**RESOURCEFUL**—Using my imagination to fix everyday problems

