

# WEEK 13 Encouraging Conversation



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

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

- To respectfully talk with others by continuing the topic of conversation
- To encourage others through words and body language
- To wait until the other person has completed sharing their thought or opinion

## **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 intentional time to listen and talk with your child this week. Take turns asking each other questions and listening to responses. Encourage and praise your child when you notice him or her taking turns contributing to the conversation.
- Have your child practice conversational skills with someone outside of the family this week. Potential conversation partners include a friend, neighbor, doctor or other professional. You may need to help your child start the conversation. 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**—The ability to manage yourself when no one is looking  
**PARTICIPATION**—Choosing to be fully involved in the task or project at hand

