

# WEEK 14 Using the Phone



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

This week, we are working on telephone manners.

- Phone manners are much more than learning how to make and take calls.
- Children gain responsibility in other areas of life when they learn to use the phone responsibly.
- Learning how and when to use the phone protects children from the risk of overuse and addiction.

Third graders are developing consideration for others by learning how to use the phone respectfully.

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

Here are some ways to reinforce your child's new learning this week:

- Ask your child to describe *Getting to Know You*, a Merryville story about two friends, Sarah and Allie. Sarah and Allie learn that their relationship is based mainly on the texting and calling they do on their phones. They discover they need to spend time really getting to know one another.
- This week, your child is thinking about **No Phone Zones**, places where it is better to not be on a phone. Ask your third grader to name some of these zones! Here are some of the ones we talked about:
  - Library
  - Restaurant
  - Movies
  - Family Dinner Table
  - Car
- Spending less time in front of a screen and more time getting to know those we love is good for all of us!

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what RESPONSIBILITY and COURTESY mean!

**RESPONSIBILITY**—Following through on your duties without supervision

**COURTESY**—Respectful and well-mannered words and actions toward others

