

WEEK 18 Respecting Differences



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

Young children who develop the ability to look at others with the eyes of their hearts won't allow differences to become obstacles in getting to know and love those who are different. This week, third graders are learning the following:

- We come from many different cultures and backgrounds.
- People from other cultures view our ways as different from their own, just as we view theirs as different from ours.
- We should always show respect for different cultures and ethnicities.

For the Heart of Your Child

Here are some ideas to support your child's appreciation for cultural differences:

- Share the history and background of your family. Are there any interesting customs that your family enjoys? Help your child write a short paragraph about your family's heritage to share with their class.
- On your next trip to the grocery store, take a few minutes to look at the wide variety of foods from many cultures and talk with your child about the different ethnicities in your community.
- Ask your child how he would want people to respond to him, if he were in a different country and looked different than the local folks.
- Discuss respectful behavior when you see someone dressed differently than you.

The more you talk with your child about having respect for others who are different, the more their heart (and yours) will grow!

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child to explain UNDERSTANDING and ACCEPTANCE.

UNDERSTANDING—Looking at others
and listening to others
without judgment

ACCEPTANCE—Treating everyone you meet
with the same respect, regardless
of differences

