

Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

RESPECT

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month has been on **RESPECT**.

What does respect mean to you?

Your child can show respect by:

- being kind to other family members
- using polite language
- talking and spending time with relatives and/or other family members
- listening when someone else is talking

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be respectful?
- What are some different ways in which you can show respect: a) for yourself, b) for others, c) for nature and the environment?
- How can we speak to others with respect? Can you give some examples?
- How can we show respect for our belongings and the belongings of others?

Projects to do together:

- Watch a television show or movie together, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted respectfully or disrespectfully toward one another. Watch for put-downs, insults, and subtle forms of bullying.
- Interview a grandparent or other relative, and take the time to get to know him or her better.
- Plan how the family can do more recycling or reduce wastefulness. Organize a family project around this.

Encouraging respect in your child:

- Praise and encourage your child when he or she is being respectful.
- Speak to your child with respect, and answer his or her questions in a polite manner. Expect the same behaviour from your child.
- Share an example of how someone was respectful toward you, and how this made you feel.
- Encourage respectful manners and speaking politely to others in the community.

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