

WEEK 8 Following the Golden Rule



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

If your child hasn't already told you, Wise Ol' Wilbur is the central character of Manners of the Heart. The children of Merryville run to Wilbur for guidance and words of wisdom when they can't find their way. He shares his knowledge through sound advice and practical solutions for everyday problems. This week, Wilbur is teaching students about the Golden Rule. Third graders are learning the following:

- The Golden Rule is to treat others the way you want to be treated.
- The Golden Rule is the foundation for helping, forgiving, appreciating, and respecting others.
- The Golden Rule is the beginning of creating a civil society.

For the Heart of Your Child

Children treat others the way they want to be treated when their hearts are filled with love. Love is not just an emotion; it's a choice! As your child learns to practice the Golden Rule with love, you can try one of these fun ways to show love at home this week:

- Fill a book bag or lunchbox for each of your family members with a love note.
- Prepare a special supper of everyone's favorite foods.
- Leave the television off for the evening and enjoy each other's company.
- Give out real hugs and kisses and say "I love you" as you tuck everyone in bed.

Children love others as they have been loved. We hope you find special ways to show love to your children and encourage them to love others by following the Golden Rule!

From our hearts to yours,



PS Ask your child to share the definitions of HUMILITY and EMPATHY.



HUMILITY—Not caring who gets credit

EMPATHY—Walking in another person's shoes