

WEEK 22 **Respecting Our Country**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

Being an American citizen is a great honor. With that honor comes great responsibility. Instilling patriotism in children through the appreciation for our soldiers creates a desire to become a good citizen. This week, third graders are learning the following:

- Americans throughout history have fought for our freedom
- Ways we can show appreciation for members of our armed services
- How to be good citizens who respect our country and all that she stands for

When we teach children to appreciate those who defend our country, we help them develop appreciation for the freedoms of our country.

For the Heart of Your Child

You can help instill respect for the freedoms we enjoy in our country in the heart of your child. Here are some ideas to reinforce your child's development of respect for our military and our country:

- Whenever you encounter someone in military uniform, look them in the eye, nod and say "Thank you for your service" with your whole heart and teach your children to do the same.
- It's easy to criticize our president or other leaders, or to complain about all that is wrong with our country. Do your best to show appreciation and respect for the country that gives opportunities to succeed like no other.
- Participate in Veteran's Day events with your children. Most are free and open to the public.

Despite our flaws and struggles, we ought to show gratitude and respect for the country we call home.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what PATRIOTISM and CITIZENSHIP mean!

PATRIOTISM—Loving our country enough to protect it and the principles upon which it was founded

CITIZENSHIP—An attitude of cooperation and social responsibility

