

# WEEK 17 Respecting the Team



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

In this week's lessons, students are learning that being a valuable team player involves putting the good of the team ahead of themselves. In this lesson, second graders are learning the following:

- Being part of the team is better than playing alone.
- Getting along with teammates teaches how to get along with others.
- Teamwork during a game teaches teamwork in life.

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

You can help your child develop sportsmanship and cooperation. Here are a few activities to reinforce what your child is learning at school:

- Discuss what happens when someone is not being a good teammate, compared to what happens when everyone works together.
- While watching a sporting event with your child, call attention to team members who are being good team players.
- Make a copy of "Wilbur's Kindness Pledge" and ask each family member to sign it. Post the pledge as a reminder to the whole family of what it means to be a good team player.

### **Wilbur's Kindness Pledge**

Today I pledge to wait my turn,  
Put others first so I can learn.  
Today I pledge to encourage friends,  
It's how you play and not who wins.

From Our Hearts to Yours, \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date



PS Don't forget to ask your child to explain COOPERATION and SPORTSMANSHIP!

**SPORTSMANSHIP**— Being more concerned with helping my team than helping myself

**COOPERATION**— Choosing to be helpful, not hurtful, when I work with others

