

WEEK 12 Greetings and Introductions



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week, your child is learning how to politely greet others. Kindergartners are learning the following:

- To meet and greet another child.
- To open the heart of another child with a warm hello.
- To smile, so the world will smile back.

If you want to avoid coming home to a teenager who doesn't look up from the television to greet you, start now when your child is young to form a habit of speaking to each other when someone enters a room. If you greet your spouse when you come home, your child will pick up on the same behavior. If you speak to your child before you look at the mail or change clothes, he or she will speak to you, too.

You can help reinforce friendly greetings.

Try some of these activities at home this week:

- Ask your child to teach you the “Hello & Goodbye” song they learned at school.
- Talk with your child about different ways to say “hello,” such as informal greetings (e.g., “Hey, how’s it going?”) or in other countries (e.g., “Hola!”).
- Make it a habit in your home to say “Good Morning” and “Good Night” to each family member.
- Do you remember playing “Stare Down” as a child? You and a friend locked eyes with each other until one of you cracked a smile, laughed or looked away. The stone-faced player was the ‘winner.’ Play a different version of the game with your child that we call, “Smile Down.” Take turns with one of you being the ‘smiler’ and the other the ‘frowner.’ The frowner will try not to return the smiler’s grin. When the frowner smiles, both of you are ‘winners.’

From our hearts to yours,



PS Ask your child what FRIENDLINESS and MATURITY mean!

FRIENDLINESS—Welcoming others by offering a smile and a kind word

MATURITY—Making the right choice, even when others around me do not

