

# WEEK 13 Encouraging Conversation



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week, students are engaging in respectful conversation with others. Kindergartners are learning that listening helps them learn. In class they are being taught the five steps to listening:

1. **Look** in the eyes.
2. **End** your talking and moving.
3. **Answer** questions when asked.
4. **Remain** quiet (no interrupting!)
5. **Nod** your head.

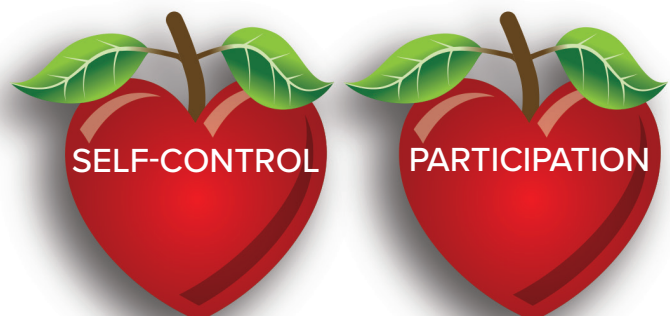
You can help reinforce listening skills in direct ways. Try some of these small activities at home this week:

- Set aside an intentional time to listen and talk to your child this week. Take turns telling her stories and listening to stories from her.
- Encourage your child when you notice her practicing the five steps to listening. Tell her how it made you feel when she listened to you. Ask her how she felt when you listened to her.
- Tell your child about a time when you learned something very important by listening. Tell about another time when you made a mistake because you did not listen well.
- Throughout the week, pay particular attention to times when your child listens well. Thank him for listening to directions, at least once each day of the week. Be sure to thank your child for listening during conversations, too!

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don't forget to ask your child about SELF-CONTROL and PARTICIPATION!



**SELF-CONTROL**—Managing myself when no one is looking

**PARTICIPATION**—Jumping in to do my part