

WEEK 17 Respecting the Team



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In this week's lesson, students are learning how to be good teammates. Kindergartners are playing games and reciting "Wilbur's Kindness Pledge," which teaches the following:

- To wait patiently for a turn while playing games in a group.
- To offer encouraging words to teammates.
- To exercise sportsmanship during a game.

You can help your child develop sportsmanship and cooperation in direct ways. Here are some activities to reinforce what your child is learning at school:

- Have a family Game Night.
 - Once a week, play board games or card games with the whole family. Remember to encourage your child to use supportive words and to let others go first. Shake hands or high-five at the end of each game to practice good sportsmanship and to demonstrate gracious winning and gracious losing!
- Ask you child to share "Wilbur's Kindness Pledge" this week. Make copies of the pledge below and ask each family member to sign it. Post the pledge on your refrigerator or in a prominent place in your home 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.

Name

Date

From our hearts to yours,



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

