

Respect others

Good morning, teachers and students. This year, the main theme of our school is “Respect others and extend courtesy”. Today, I would like to share with you some encouraging words on respect.

First of all, may I ask you two questions concerning “respect”? What is respect? In what ways can I show respect to others?

Respect is polite behavior towards somebody or care for somebody that you think is important. Respect can be given and received. Respect can be something that is earned or built over time. Usually, continued caring interactions are required to maintain or increase feelings of respect among individuals.

There are two main ways for you to show respect to others. They are language and physical gestures. Gesture means a movement that you make with your hands, your head or your face to show a particular meaning.

Firstly, you can show your respect to others through appropriate language. For example, you can show your respect to others by saying simple words and phrases like “good morning” and “thank you”. You can also show your respect to others by emphasizing more on “you and your”, instead of “I and me”. Besides, it is rude to call someone by their first name unless you have known them for a long period of time. Moreover, in work-related situations, always try to address each other by their title instead of their names. Furthermore, do not speak to each other by nicknames. Last but not least, do not address to others by asking someone their age when you meet somebody for the first time. In summary, you can show your respect to others through appropriate language.

Secondly, apart from language, you can also show your respect to others through appropriate physical gestures or body movement. May I give you several examples? You can show your respect to others by bowing your head when you meet somebody. Besides, you can show your

respect to others by a smile when you meet somebody. Moreover, you can show your respect to others by a direct eye contact when you meet somebody. When somebody is speaking to you, look at his or her eyes directly and this is respect. Furthermore, do not point directly at someone. This is considered as not respectful in many cultures. Of course, letting older people speak first, sit down after them and not contradict them; open doors for the elders; stand up when an older person enters a room are also appropriate physical gestures showing your respect to others.

Boys and girls, through appropriate language, appropriate physical gesture and body movement, we can show respect to others. From today onwards, let's learn to show respect to others through appropriate language such as saying more "good morning" and "thank you" to our schoolmates and teachers, and do not call the nicknames of our classmates, schoolmates and of course teachers. We can also learn to show respect to others through appropriate physical gestures such as bowing your head, giving a smile and a direct eye contact to our fellow schoolmates and teachers.