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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

No- Name calling week is an annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name calling of all kinds and providing our school with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in our community. We are making it a priority to address the problem on bullying and name-calling throughout their education and most importantly in elementary school.

We hope that you find No-Name Calling week helpful in creating a dialogue between yourself and your child regarding name- calling and bullying. During No Name-Calling Week, we will organize activities at school that focus on identity, the power of words, and how to build a culture where all students feel safe to be themselves. We will also do a school wide read aloud of the book “Ouch! Moments. When words are used in Hurtful Ways” by Michael Genhart as well as host a weeklong Spirit week to promote kindness and uniqueness. We are excited to work together to provide a safe and caring environment in our schools and we thank you for your support on this very important week

Take Steps to Stop Name Calling

- **Start early.** Caregiver/child talks are essential. Teach kids to respect others and continue to talk about this topic on an ongoing basis. Even small acts of teasing should be stopped in their tracks. Don't fail to correct this kind of behavior due to a child's young age. This is exactly when to stop it.
- **Teach your children how to be assertive.** Encourage your children to express their feelings clearly, say no when they feel uncomfortable or pressured, stand up for themselves without fighting and walk away in dangerous situations. Telling an adult about bullying is not easy for children. If a child comes to you seeking assistance with bullying, spend time listening to them and provide affirmation and support before taking action.
- **Stop bullying when you see it.** Adults who remain silent when bullying occurs are encouraging it and making it worse. Bullying is less likely in schools/ communities where adults are involved and firm about stopping bullying behaviors.
- **Tell your children to take action when they see bullying behavior.** Tell them to speak out against the bully and inform a teacher/adult if the behavior doesn't stop. Bullying continues only when we allow it to.

This year, No Name-Calling Week occurs on January 16th through January 19th, 2024.

Sincerely,

Support Staff
No Place for Hate Committee