



Home Connection

Avoiding Rumors and Gossip

Dear _____,

I'm excited to share that your student has been learning about the nuances of gossip in class. While gossip often has a negative connotation, we discussed how it can be a valuable social skill when used responsibly. We explored how good gossipers use information to help rather than harm others, and we introduced a helpful tool to guide this process called the THINK strategy.

The THINK strategy encourages students to consider the following questions before sharing information:

- Is it True?
- Is it Helpful?
- Is it Important?
- Is it Necessary?
- Is it Kind?

By applying this strategy, students can determine whether sharing information is appropriate and responsible.

Please discuss this question with your student: Can you think of a situation where you had to decide whether or not to share information? How did you determine if it was the right thing to do? This will help reinforce their learning and encourage them to think critically about how they share information with others.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,