



FAIRNESS

DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. This week, we are focusing on the principle of **FAIRNESS**. Fairness means to be just, play by the rules, share, take turns, and listen to others. Dividing a candy bar into equal halves to share with a friend is a delicious way to learn about fairness. Taking turns being first in line or when using the computers are also ways to behave fairly. Listening and trying to understand another person who you may disagree with, is another way to practice fairness. Treat other people as you want to be treated – with fairness! Make it a magnificent day!

DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **FAIRNESS** means that you play by the rules. Without rules, playing a game is not any fun! How would you feel if your teammates changed the rules in the middle of a game, so that they win and you lose? Would you have fun playing a card game if your friend kept peeking at your cards? Cheating ruins the game for everyone. Have fun playing by the rules. Make it a terrific day!

DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Sharing and taking turns is not easy. A girl asked her friend over after school to play a new video game. The friend was very excited to be invited and was looking forward to playing. The friend watched and waited – and waited -- and waited -- while the girl played her game. The girl was having so much fun, she never gave her guest a chance to play. Remember that **FAIRNESS** includes sharing and taking turns. Make it a wonderful day!

DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **"Fair does not mean Equal."** If everyone got treated exactly the same as another person, it would actually be very unfair! Try to imagine what it might be like if everyone at our school was treated exactly the same. If Dominique made a "B" on her math test, everyone in school would also get a "B". If Juan made the basketball team, everyone in the school would also be on the team. If Alex and Mark got in trouble for fighting, everyone else would also be in trouble. That wouldn't be very fair, would it? **FAIRNESS** means being just and giving people what they have earned. Make it a tremendous day!

DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States said, **"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent."** Different people have different needs. **FAIRNESS** means that some people are given special treatment, in order for them to have equal opportunities. For example, ramps are built, so students in wheelchairs can get into the school. A child with poor eyesight is allowed to sit at the front of the class. Being fair sometimes means helping each person get what they need. Make it a fabulous day!