

Parents,

The following information is for you to better understand our new enhancement to the policy already listed in the handbook, page 16.

School Administrators say that implementing an anti-bully (disrespect) program can make parents feel worried that their child could be in danger at their school. On the contrary, research has proven that educating students on identifying what a bully is and how to respond to a bully has decreased disrespect and bullying problems significantly. This enhancement to our policy will help your student get along well with others, solve conflicts peacefully, and avoid violent situations.

In a recent chapel, FBCS K-Fifth grade students learned about some of the different types of bullying, and disrespect that has been recently witnessed within the school. This Chapel also set out to help the student to identifying what disrespecting those around them is and what to do if they feel they are being bullied, as well as how ultimately their behavior is showing disrespect to those around them.

Many stories from the Bible were used to show what caused some people to bully and the consequences they experienced as a result of their bullying. These stories include:

- Pharaoh used his power to bully people; finally Moses listened to God and took a stand for the Israelites; God freed the Israelites and the punishment to Pharaoh and the people of Egypt as a result
- How Jesus was bullied to His death, because people were not following/listening to God.
- Cain's jealousy of Abel's relationship with God resulted in Cain bullying Abel to his death.
- Story of how Goliath bullied with his size and God allowed David, a much smaller person, to kill him with a rock.

FBCS is thankful for the opportunity to educate your children. God has given the staff the responsibility of helping the students of FBCS to grow intellectually as well as emotionally, physically and spiritually in Him. We do not take that responsibility lightly. FBCS staff shows love to students by partnering up with you parents to train them the way they should go and to become the people they should be in the eyes of God.

What can you do at home?

- Ask your child to tell you about the chapel and what he or she learned from it.
- Discuss with your child what bullying is and what kinds of behaviors demonstrate bullying.
- As you watch television with your child, help him or her identify language, dialogue, or actions that demonstrate bullying behavior, such as "put downs" in comedy shows.
- As your child deals with bullying situations at home or school, be open to discussing ways in which he or she can safely handle those situations. Discuss how to avoid bullying situations.
- Help your child become sensitive to his or her own behaviors or language that may be of a bullying nature as he or she deals with siblings or friends.
- Discuss the attached sheet, that explains possible discipline actions that can result in a five-day, out of school suspension (Student Handbook page 16), for actions or behavior resembling the characteristics of a bully that has been described above.
- Encourage your child to speak with a FBCS staff member immediately if they ever feel they are being bullied while at school.
- Encourage your child to not retaliate or fight back. Students are never without a staff member; therefore there is no reason to fight back. Just ask for help.

Thank you for your support of FBCS.