

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Next week your child will begin a health unit on the topic of Family Life Education. Our Family Life Education unit is based on the philosophy that parents/guardians are the primary sex educators of their children. We see the role of the schools as supporting and supplementing the adult role at home by encouraging students to discuss what they have learned in class with you at home.

To reinforce this message, we are offering parents a way to become more involved in their child's Family Life class. Letters will be sent home periodically, indicating topics discussed in the preceding lessons as well as areas that will be presented in upcoming lessons. The topics covered in Family Life class give parents/guardians the opportunity to discuss and reinforce family, moral, religious and ethical beliefs about these issues of human sexuality.

The first grade program will include lessons on these topics:

- *Identifying different kinds of families*
- *Learning how babies grow before and after birth*
- *Understanding heredity and the difference between an inherited trait vs an acquired trait*

The initial lesson of our Family Life Education health unit discusses the variety of family structures that exist in our society today. The classroom activity will provide an opportunity for the students to identify their family members and the various family types.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

First Grade Teachers