

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 are the primary sex educators of their children. We see the role of the schools as supporting and supplementing the parents' role by encouraging students to discuss what they have learned in class with parents at home.

To reinforce this message, we are offering parents a way to become more involved in their child's family life class. A series of activities, which have been designed for you and your child to complete cooperatively in the home setting, will be sent home after selected lessons. These activities address the topics covered in family life class and give parents the opportunity to reinforce family moral, religious, and ethical beliefs about these issues of human sexuality.

In the next few weeks, the following topics will be presented:

- Introduction to family life education which will establish ground rules for class discussions
- Changes that can occur within the family
- Concept of family and types of families
- Heredity and environment
- The influence of gender on personal feelings and behaviors
- The similarities and differences between boys and girls as they grow and develop

The first lesson will introduce the family life education unit, establish ground rules for class discussions, and reinforce the concept of family. A discussion of the different types of families (two-parent, single parent, extended, foster, step, and adoptive) will be included. You may wish to talk about these with your child before the lessons begin.

Please feel free to contact the teacher if your child brings up questions or issues that need clarification.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers