

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 and guardians 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 the opportunity to discuss and reinforce family, moral, religious and ethical beliefs about these issues of human sexuality. Parents should feel free to contact the teacher if their child brings up questions or issues that need clarification.

The first grade program will include lessons on these topics:

- *Identifying Different Kinds of Families*
- *Recognizing How Life Begins in the World*
- *Learning How Babies Grow Before and After Birth*

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 provides an opportunity for the students to identify their family members and the various family types.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

First Grade Teachers

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