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MASSEY'S MESSAGE

I want to let you know that Ms. Jocelyne, our Baby House matriarch, was involved in a car wreck on her way home from Miami on Sunday. She and seven members of her family were taken to two different hospitals, one in Jupiter and one in West Palm. Ms. Jocelyne is suffering from a broken vertebra. The doctors believe it will have to heal on its own, so no surgery is planned at this time. Her daughter and grandchildren are being treated for moderate to severe injuries. Her grandson has already had surgery and her daughter and granddaughter will know more about their prognosis after seeing the orthopedist.

A vast majority of your children have "graduated" from the Baby House and have had the blessing of Ms. Jocelyne's love and care during their time there. We are a family here at the Primary School and CDC and I knew you would want to be informed about Ms. Jocelyne. You can receive updates by calling or stopping by the front desk. I am in touch with Ms. Jocelyne every day. If you would like to send her a card, we will be happy to pass those along to her. As you are aware, we cannot give out her personal contact information. Please remember Ms. Jocelyne and her entire family in your daily prayers.

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PARENTING TIPS

Respecting Others

I am increasingly concerned about the lack of respect for others I see in children. It seems we are becoming an "all about me" society, which, clearly, is contrary to all Biblical teaching. As with any training, early childhood experiences and understanding imprint long-term expectations and beliefs in our children.

- **GOD** - Share Biblical truths regarding respecting God and God's law. This will provide for your child a firm foundational understanding of respect.
- **Model for Them** - Your children watch you and take their cues from you. When you are at the grocery or bank, pay attention to how you treat those serving you. Your children are paying attention.
- **School Authority** - Help your children understand it is important for them to listen to their teachers and other school staff members. We are here to help them learn and grow and they are expected to obey us. Establishing that expectation will help provide for your child a most effective learning environment and reduce behavior and classroom management issues.
- **Discuss Authority** - Talk to your children about your authority over them. Explain the authority others have over them, the context and the parameters. Children develop a respect for rules very early (family, school). That respect follows them into the teen years when it is crucial they have a respect for laws (traffic, civil) and that respect follows them into their adult years when a true understanding of laws (marriage, employment) can make the difference between becoming a productive member of or a burden on society. It begins at a very young age.
- **Respecting our Elders** - Helping your children understand the worth and wealth of knowledge in the senior community will be a gift to them and to their grandparents and older friends and loved ones in your family. Helping them look past frailty, in mind and body, and honor experience and wisdom will give them an educational resource unlike any other. Giving respect to the elderly, because they are our "elders", will open the door to learning true life-long lessons from those who have "been there and done that."

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Promotion Ceremony
- ◆ Summer Program
- ◆ Fall Registration

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*“Rise in the
 presence of the
 aged, show respect
 for the elderly and
 revere your God. I
 am the Lord.”*

Leviticus 19:32

PROMOTION CEREMONY

It's hard to believe the school year is winding down and we are beginning to make plans for our Promotion Ceremony for our PreK - 5th Grade students. Where does the time go?!?! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 1, 2008 for all Room #4 students and Primary School PreK - 5th Grade students. We will begin the celebration at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Students are asked to wear their "Sunday Best" and be in their seats by 5:45 p.m. They will sing some songs for us and then be honored for all the work they've done to prepare to move into the next grade level.

We have seen great accomplishments this year and continue to be very proud of our students, their parents, and their teachers. It has definitely been a "team effort" and we congratulate every member of the team for a job well done!

SUMMER PROGRAM

We will, once again, be offering our Summer Program for all students. We are a year-round school and work to design our summer curriculum to accommodate lower numbers of students, special summer activities and our own summer schedule. Please be sure you keep Amy informed of your plans for vacation to help the teachers plan for each class.

*Joey and Susan Daniel (Kathy Frohnappel's sister)
 have welcomed SCARLETT KATHERINE into their
 world, joining 3-year-old Asa. All are doing well, with
 lots of help from Grandma Jeanne. We welcome this
 sweet blessing, in God's perfect timing.*

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of sending home forms for enrollment for the new school year, to begin in August. Please be sure you look for these forms in your child's folder and you pay particular attention to deadlines and due dates. After the announced deadline, enrollment will be open to the public and, as you know, we have an extensive waiting list. Please secure your child's spot in a classroom for the Fall by turning in the forms and required fees. We look forward to another awesome year of learning together!

TEACHING TIPS

YOU are your child's first music teacher!

Whether you are musically-gifted or not, your child may be and here are some tips for encouraging musical growth in your little one:

- While in the car, play child-friendly and developmentally-appropriate CDs, rather than the radio (Greg and Steve, Raffi, Karyn Henley, Mr. Rogers, Sesame Street).
- Just for fun, while interacting with your child, SING what you're saying to him. I guarantee he will smile and, most likely, be encouraged to SING in response to you.
- Play the "Echo Game". Sing three notes on the syllable "LA" and ask your child to echo what you just sang. Regardless of the accuracy of your child's response, continue for several minutes. This activity will help with ear training in your child, not only for echoing music, but will work to strengthen general listening skills.