

October 10, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This school year, your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which teachers present a safety lesson to children that houses a grade-appropriate video component along with a activity. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. 4th grade students will participate in of the following lessons this year.:

October-Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

March- Lesson4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*

As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time and discuss the information at home. If you have ever thought about how to empower children to protect themselves, fortify their boundaries or increase their safety through in-person and online situations, then reviewing the lessons on your own to both begin *and* reiterate the message at home is the best next step to take. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Date(s) of in-program training: Monday, October 17th (4th Grade)

For questions, please communicate with your child's teacher. We have placed a link in the newsletter where you can access the program content.

Please note: You also have the ability to “opt” your child out of the formal in-program safety lesson if you only plan to provide safe environment education at home. Please complete, detach and submit the form below if you do not want your child to receive safe environment information via their teacher about ways to protect themselves.

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO:

(Name / Location) _____, **BY (Date)** _____.

I, *(printed name of parent or guardian)* _____, have reviewed the safety lessons and DO NOT give my permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children* Safety Lesson to my child *(printed name of child)* _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____