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Dear First Grade Parents,

I would like to inform you that I will be teaching Personal Safety to the first graders. Topics we will cover include: rules that keep us safe; safe people; strangers; and safe and unsafe touches. Please review with your child what he/she is learning about safety. The information could save a child's life or keep a child safe from harm.

Safe people will be defined as “**adults who a child knows and trusts.**” We are also discussing that a stranger may look and act nice, but still be a stranger because they do not know that person.

The two key safety rules I am teaching are as follows:

1. If a stranger talks to you or gets too close to you:
 - Say “No”!
 - Run!
 - Tell a safe person
2. No one should touch your private body parts, except to keep you clean (when you were a baby) and healthy (doctor, nurse).

I encourage each of you to reinforce this knowledge at home. Our goal is to equip the children with the knowledge they will need should they find themselves in an unsafe situation.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful and reassuring. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at school 860-5042 and I am on campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You may also email me at sjscounselor@stjosephnashville.org.

Sincerely,

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