Talking About Touching Program  
Preschool/Kindergarten

Dear Family,

Our class will soon begin using Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum. This program teaches children skills that will help them keep safe from dangerous or abusive situations. Children will also learn how to ask for help when they need it.

Over the next five weeks, you will receive a series of letters that provide information about how you can help your child learn and practice safety rules taught in the classroom lessons. Children learn more about safety and are more likely to follow safety rules when they have multiple opportunities to practice and talk about safety with their family. I’d like to encourage you to help your child learn and practice safety rules.

WHAT is the Talking about Touching program?

The Talking about Touching program is a personal safety curriculum that teaches children basic skills to help keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. Simple safety rules guide children toward safe decision making in a variety of situations, including those involving touch. Talking about Touching school and family components are important parts of any comprehensive child safety program.

WHO developed the Talking about Touching program?

Talking about Touching was developed by the Committee for Children, an independent not-for-profit organization that has been researching and developing social skills curricula since the late 1970s. Committee for Children’s mission is to promote the safety, well-being, and social development for children by creating quality educational programs for educators, families, and communities.

WHY are we providing this program?

- Reaction to Church crisis
- Mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston
- Mandated by the Attorney General of Massachusetts

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program, please complete, sign, and return this letter no later than Thursday, May 7, 2015.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.
Sincerely,
Mr. Worthen & Mrs. Macarthy

I do not wish for my child, ________________________________________, to participate in the Talking About Touching program.

Parent signature____________________________________________________