



Dear Parent,

Your child will be participating in the **Safer, Smarter Kids** abuse prevention curriculum, developed by Lauren Book, M.S.Ed., along with a developmental psychologist and career educators, in his or her 5th Grade class over the next few weeks. This developmentally-appropriate abuse prevention curriculum will arm your child with the necessary skills to avoid physical and sexual abuse, or access help if they are being victimized, without being explicit or in any way scary.

Parents and other responsible adults want to protect children from those who might harm them, but no child can be supervised 24 hours a day. The **Safer, Smarter Kids** curriculum will teach your child ways he or she can reduce the likelihood of being abused and ways to get help from others if needed.

The curriculum is taught in five lessons that incorporate in-class activities and videos featuring Lauren Book, M.S.Ed., child abuse survivor, prevention advocate, elementary school educator, and CEO of the Lauren's Kids foundation. Some of the topics the children will study are peer pressure, cyber safety, and using their courage to tell a trusted adult in their Safety NETWORK when a situation makes them feel confused or uncomfortable.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your child's teacher. If you would like to learn more about the curriculum or review the **Safer, Smarter Kids** parent toolkit to learn more about the topics covered in the curriculum, please visit SaferSmarterKids.org.

Thank you,

Lauren Book, M.S.Ed.
Founder/CEO, Lauren's Kids

About Lauren's Kids:

Lauren's Kids was founded by Lauren Book, M.S.Ed. The organization educates adults and children about sexual abuse topics through an in-school curriculum and speaking engagements around the world. The goal of Lauren's Kids is to create a world where the sexual abuse and exploitation of children is not tolerated. Lauren's Kids is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



For more ways to talk with your child about making safer and smarter choices, visit SaferSmarterKids.org. For additional resources, visit LaurensKids.org. To report abuse, call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-962-2873.

