

"I've had the "13 Good Ideas to Live By" poster up at the door of my music classroom for over a year. I can't tell you how many elementary school students have had their lives changed by the ideas in this poster. While students line up, they are able to casually read the ideas in the poster, and start discussions with their classmates that are unplanned, yet powerfully uplifting." Lower School Teacher, Park School of Baltimore

A B O U T "THIRTEEN GOOD IDEAS TO LIVE BY"

Sex and gender are fundamental to life and to who we are as human beings, and whether we, or they, are conscious of it or not, all children attend "sex and gender school" virtually every day of their lives.

In today's world, unfortunately, many of the messages children receive about sexuality and gender are narrow, exclusionary, judgmental, stereotypical, and often highly sensationalized.

Moreover, even adults in our society remain woefully undereducated and confused about the distinct components that comprise each person's unique "sexual and gender profile": biological sex, gender roles, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

By educating themselves first, parents and teachers can play uniquely positive roles in children's healthy sexual and gender development, especially when they work together proactively to become the primary—as in, *first and most important*—reference points in children's lives around these issues. Conversely, when adults put off, avoid altogether, or water down the process, they virtually guarantee that other sources, including peers, older children and teens, the Internet, marketers, and mass media, will "get there first."

Because they are so in touch with developmental processes, the great majority of preschool and elementary school teachers are inherently capable of guiding meaningful conversation with younger children about sexuality and gender.

The "THIRTEEN GOOD IDEAS TO LIVE BY" poster was developed as a learning and discussion tool to help everyday adults in children's lives *get ahead of* the unhealthy, inaccurate, and misleading messages to which children inevitably will be exposed.

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