



## “3” Types of Families!

I hope you enjoyed the pre-newsletter about the “3” Cons your child can trap you into by Barbara Coloroso. Now, I would like to introduce to you the “3” Types of Families! Which one are you?

**#1. The Brickwall Family:** In the brick wall family the building blocks-the bricks- that are cemented together to make the family are an obsession with order, control, and obedience, a rigid adherence to rules, and a strict hierarchy of power. Kids are controlled, manipulated and made to mind. Their feelings are ignored, ridiculed, or neglected. Parents direct, supervise, minicature, order, threaten, remind, and worry over. The brick wall family is in essence a dictatorship, perhaps a benevolent one but a dictatorship nevertheless. Power in a brick wall family equals control, and it all comes from the top!

**#2. The Jellyfish Family:** Jellyfish families can be divided into two types, though the effect on the children is the same. The first kind is created by a parent who came from a brick wall home and promised never to raise his children the way he was raised. The problem is that he was never allowed to develop his own backbone, and as a result he doesn't know how to create structure, consistency, and safe boundaries in his own family. The second kind of jellyfish family is created by a parent who physically or

Psychologically abandons her children, forcing them to fend for themselves. Because of her own problems-which may also stem from a brick wall upbringing or from a jellyfish upbringing-she has trouble caring for herself, let alone for her children.

**The Backbone Family:** Backbone families can be described by what they are not: They are not hierarchical, bureaucratic, or violent. Backbone parents don't demand respect--they demonstrate and teach it. Children learn to question and challenge authority that is not life-giving. They learn they can say no, that they can listen and be listened to, that they can be respectful and be respected themselves. Children of backbone families are taught empathy and love for themselves and others. By being treated with compassion themselves they learn to be compassionate toward others, to recognize others' suffering, and to be willing to help relieve it. The backbone family provides the consistency, firmness, and fairness as well as the calm and peaceful structure needed for children to flesh out their own sense of a true self. Rather than being subjected to power expressed as control and growing up to control others, children are empowered and grow up to pass what they have learned of the potential of the human spirit to others.

**Basic Characteristics of a Backbone Family:** Parents develop for their children a network of support through six critical life messages given every day.

1. I believe in you.
2. I trust you.
3. I know you can handle life situations.
4. You are listened to.
5. You are cared for.
6. You are very important to me.

*Through love, acceptance, and encouragement, children's sense of self is recognized, valued, and esteemed.*

## **CLOSED - NOVEMBER 21-25**

*Tuition is charged for this holiday break...but will not be charged for the Christmas and Spring Break holiday!*



**KIDDIE-KOPIA  
HOSTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR @  
LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

***Get your holiday shopping done early,  
avoid the crowds, and support local  
business!***

*(If you are interested in having a table at the bazaar,  
see Miss Kimmie)*

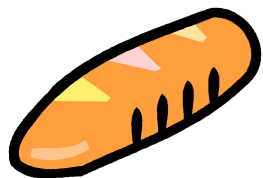
“ *The Haugen Children’s Fund*”

Thank you for the generous contributions to The Haugen Children’s Fund. We raised a total of \$1,680.00 for our former Kiddie-Kopia students who have lost both of their parents! Your loving gifts will help them financially and also to know that they have not been forgotten. I know that this cause will become a mission for me personally and for Kiddie-Kopia. You can not visit and donate to The Haugen Children’s Fund by visiting Face book. **YOU’RE NOT ALONE PROJECT!** Once a Kiddie-Kopia family....ALWAYS a Kiddie-Kopa family! Special thanks to my daughter Dawn, for her support during my training, cash donation, and for participating in the triathlon right by my side! You’re my hero!



*November Brings The Warmth of Family!*

This month we’re be discovering the voyage of the Mayflower along with the traditions of Thanksgiving. If you have a family tradition, please share it with the classroom. There’s going to be a lot of cooking.....yum! We’ll focus on “manners” inside and outside of the classroom and how manners are an important part of growing up! Do you have “family chores” at your house? We have “class chores” at school and we’ll explore the meaning of “everyone pitching in” to make our classroom function! Discover the joy of printing!!! Time to write your name and your classmates names!!!



**ButterBraid Sales!** *Congratulations Bayleigh Clark & Karington Payne*

Thank you for your ButterBraid Sales! We sold 158 ButterBraids!! Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser! You helped raise enough funds to pay for field trips, additional supplies, much needed plumbing work for the school! We had a tie for total sales! **BAYLEIGH CLARK** and **KARINGTON PAYNE** each sold 25 ButterBraids and will each receive a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart!