

## MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2002

TO: Governor  
FROM: John  
RE: Friday events

At 10:00am, you're scheduled to attend a first grade play at Canton Academy, "A Nation's Promise." You will be recognized at the beginning of the play for any remarks you want to make. Remarks should be brief (2-3 minutes), and focus on the children in the play as "our state's promise;" education as the foundation for the future; children being the message we send to a time we won't see.

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At 1:00pm, you'll be visiting Escatawpa Elementary School as part of the "Reading is Fundamental" book distribution. You were originally scheduled to visit the school on April 8. You will have the opportunity to speak or read a book; we suggest you do both. The photo op of reading to kids is always good; any remarks should be brief and along the same lines as mentioned above.

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At 3:30pm, you will visit Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi. We have prepared a proclamation declaring "Goodwill Industries Week" in Mississippi, and Marilyn has the original copy. I'll make sure Lee Ann has it with her. This is just a visit and tour of the facility in Gulfport.

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At 4:30pm, there will be a ceremonial bill signing of Senate Bill 2413, which sets up review teams to investigate reports of child abuse. This event began with a One-on-One session with Joel Turner with the South Mississippi Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. He invited you to visit child abuse centers around the state.

This is a good close to a day that has focused on children, and any remarks should reflect that. Again, I would refer to children as "our state's promise," and that's a promise we have to protect. A good saying: "We never stand as tall as when we kneel to help a child." This event is about protecting our future.