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**CALVERT SCHOOL MAKES AVAILABLE FREE LESSONS
TO EXPLAIN HURRICANE KATRINA TO CHILDREN**

(Hunt Valley, MD – Sept. 8, 2005) – Lessons for children explaining Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath have been created by Calvert School to help parents and teachers better explain this natural disaster.

“Children are seeing news coverage and hearing about the devastation, and often they fear the same thing could happen to them,” said Jean C. Halle, president of Calvert Education Services, the homeschooling division of Calvert School that prepared the lessons. “It is important to help children understand why this event is so unusual so they won’t be fearful when the next storm hits their neighborhood.”

The lessons are available at no charge on the Calvert School Website at www.calvertschool.org/katrina.

The Katrina lessons are similar to Calvert School’s homeschool curriculum. The lessons provide the teacher with detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to instruct children on the power of hurricanes and how storm surges occur. The lessons also address what happened with Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. Several graphics depict how levees work and the path of the hurricane.

The lessons were developed for inclusion in *Inspire!*, a publication Calvert School sends to its homeschooling families with hints and suggestions on homeschooling. Response from Calvert families to the lessons led Calvert to post them on its Website for more children to use.

“Our families are telling us these lessons are so helpful to them in explaining the tragedy that we want other children to benefit from them as well,” Halle said.

Calvert School, a not-for-profit organization, has been providing detailed, daily lesson plans, textbooks, workbooks and supplies to homeschool families and educators since 1906. Nearly 500,000 children have used Calvert School courses, which are based on instruction in its prestigious Day School in Baltimore, Md.