The Mom-in-Chief exhibit in the Education Center focuses on the everyday, private and special events between a mother and her children and how they become front page news while she fulfills her role as First Lady. Family celebrations, such as weddings and births, become reasons for national merriment. Likewise intimate loss, such as illness or death, becomes the country’s sorrowful observances too. The exhibit looks at the highs and lows of family life while living in the White House.

“My most important title is still “mom-in-chief.” My daughters are still the heart of my heart and the center of my world.”
— Michelle Obama

“If you bungle raising your children, I don’t think whatever else you do matters very much.”
— Jacqueline Kennedy

“An adult far too often forgets that children are persons.”
— Eleanor Roosevelt

“Fathers haven’t so much patience as mothers and it isn’t to be expected. They seem to expect their children to be perfect. We wouldn’t any of us be here if we had reached that stage in our development. Each of us has to learn by different methods and all of us get our fingers burnt before we know the fire is hot.”
— Grace Coolidge

“I suppose all through a mother’s life times will come when she suffers greatly for her children. Love means suffering, and responsibility, too.”
— Edith Roosevelt

“One of the most rewarding tasks in life is to teach our children, and in teaching them, to learn again some simple truths about ourselves.”
— Rosalynn Carter

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Tour Hours: Tuesday - Saturday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m., plus Sundays in June, July & August at 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. Tours begin at the Education & Research Center, 205 Market Avenue S.

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