## JOTABLES

Because when the father is involved, the kid tends to do well. And if he's not, the kids tend to go to jail. It's just that simple.

—famous New Yorker Jerry Seinfeld (@JerrySeinfeld), joking at the launch for his and wife Jessica's Fatherhood Initiative (babybuggy.org/fathers)

"Most of all, it's not easy for my boys. One only knows his parents as virtual strangers, and the other may (or may not) remember a time when his father and I made eye contact and conversation."

-Lizabeth P. Kingsley, writing about life after divorce in Blended: Writers on



in an instagram 🐌



Sooo, I just found all of this behind my radiator. Excellent. (as shared by NY momTracy B., aka nystoopmama)

## WHEN YOU JUGGLE PLATES. ONE'S GONNA DROP

"Even if you feel you've found equilibrium between work and home, you can't forget the precarious nature of balance. You may think you identified the ultimate work solution, the ideal babysitter, and dramatically reduced your commute, but all it takes is one hiccup—your new boss now expects you to travel, your child's being bullied at school, or your Mom needs surgery—to throw it all out of whack."

-Stacy DeBroff (@StacyDeBroff), founder of Influence-Central.com, who is loving her "new chapter of college-aged parenting"



#HappyLife Morning Motivation (as shared by beautybeyondfashion\_, proud area mom and style bloggerYessenia Ramos)

"We went up to Fort Tryon park for the first birthday party of my best friend's son. The weather was sublime and the scene was bucolic a dozen or so grown-ups wearing summer dresses and khakis, sitting on picnic blankets, drinking lemonade, while the super-adorable birthday boy toddled around in a bowtie. It was the kind of scene we don't belong in."

-Nicole Caccavo Kear, a Brooklyn mom of three who writes about her experiences on her site amomamok.blogspot.com; to read her hysterical account of what ensued after this bucolic scene was interrupted by her kids' smackdown, go to nymetroparents.com/kear

## **#parenting @NYMetroParents**

@playgrounddad: Books as kids' birthday party favors is a trend that I'm really digging.

**@WMAGBlog:** Yes, it does! RT @crobscarla: Holding my little guy for a few more seconds before I leave for work. It gets easier, right?? #workingmom

**@Momastery:** Children are not cruel. Children are mirrors. They do what we do; say what we say; joke how we joke. Be wise.

**@brooklynbreeder:** My son has instructed me not to embarrass him by making eye contact or attempting conversation while at his hs for meeting. #whatgoesaround

@achildgrows: Especially when it's being poured by our kids! @TheMotherCo "There is no drink quite as satisfying as imaginary tea." - Laura Grace Weldon

@LatinaWithLuv: That moment when you decide to not use a changing pad and your baby pees all over your bed #facepalm #momproblems

@CortRuddy: My son, age 4: "Dad, she's kicking me!" My daughter, age 7: "Am not ... I was just high-fiving him with my feet!" #SpringBreak #parenting

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