



Dear Teacher:

Thank you for participating in Fire Prevention Week. This year's Fire Prevention Week is from October 7 - 13, 2007 and its theme is ***Practice Your Escape Plan***.

Most fatal fires happen in the home, where people feel the safest. Young children and the elderly are especially at high risk for fire deaths. Fortunately, there are many ways to Prevent, Detect and Escape fires in the home.

- To help students learn to stay safe from fire, we have created a fun and interactive booklet for you to use in your classroom this Fire Prevention Week.
- We have also provided a Teacher Lesson Plan to help you with the delivery of the booklet's activities. The activities outlined in the Lesson Plan are intended as suggestions and can be adapted to meet the individual needs of your classroom.

Once your class has completed the activity booklet, send the booklet home together with the Family Letter provided. Then the entire family can learn to stay safe from fire and **enter to win a home computer system**. By entering the contest, your students are also **entering your school and your classroom to win a special prize!**

Thank you for your commitment to fire and life safety education. With your continued support, needless injuries and deaths from fire can be prevented. Together, we can keep our children and our communities safe!

Sincerely,

Your Local Fire Department

Fire Safety Starts With You!

Teacher Lesson Plan



Fire Prevention Week 2007

It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan

Key Points	Resources
<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's Fire Prevention Week and Fire Safety Starts with You! Distribute one <i>Fire Safety Starts with You!</i> activity booklet to each student in your class.• Introduce the 4 topics covered in the <i>Fire Safety Starts with You!</i> activity booklet: <i>Home Escape Planning; Smoke Alarms, Fire and Burn Safety Hazards and Stop, Drop and Roll.</i>• <i>It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan</i> is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2007. Emphasize that it is not enough just to have an escape plan but that to escape safely from a home fire you must make sure that everyone in the home has practiced the plan as well.• At the conclusion of the lesson students will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ identify fire and burn hazards in the home;✓ identify ways to prevent home fires and burns;✓ identify key parts of a home fire escape plan;✓ discuss the importance of practicing a home escape plan;✓ discuss the importance of working smoke alarms;✓ demonstrate what to do if clothing is on fire - Stop, Drop and Roll.• When the class has completed all activities in the booklet, send the booklet home so parents/guardians can learn to be fire safe too!	<p>Fire Safety Starts With You! Activity Booklet</p>

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<p>Topic #1 – Prevent Fires and Burns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children should be taught to identify unsafe things in their homes then tell a grown up about them. The kitchen is one of the busiest areas in a home; yet safety is often neglected. Most home fires and home fire injuries happen in kitchens. Children should be taught how to stay safe from fire and burns in the kitchen area. 2. Burn injuries in the kitchen can be prevented by following some simple precautions. Cooking foods should never be unattended. Pot handles should be turned to the back of the stove to prevent them from being bumped or pulled down. 3. Ask students to complete the Fire and Burn Safety Hazards activity in the <i>Fire Safety Starts with You!</i> activity booklet. Review the location of the 15 unsafe things in the kitchen. Fire and burn safety hazards include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a child playing with matches 2. an electrical cord under a mat 3. wet socks drying on a radiator 4. radiator too close to the wall 5. battery out of the smoke detector 6. too many electrical cords plugged into one outlet 7. a child putting a fork into a toaster that is plugged in 8. a hot beverage within reach of a small child 9. a hot beverage on a table with the table cloth and a small child 10. matches within reach of children 11. a pot holder on a stove element that is turned on 12. a tea towel on the stove element that is turned on 13. a pot handle at the edge of the stove 14. a candle in a window with a curtain blowing nearby 15. a plugged in electrical appliance near a sink full of water 4. Ask students to describe what the family needs to do to make the kitchen area safer from fire and burns. Consider a prize for the student who identifies the most unsafe things! 	<p>Fire and Burn Safety Hazards. Can you find them?</p>

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<p>Topic #2 – Smoke Alarms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Show students a smoke alarm. Ask them what it is and what it does. Explain to students that the smoke alarm will warn them of smoke or fire by smelling for smoke. When children hear the smoke alarm they should get out of the building and stay out! 2. Explain to students that smoke alarms can only smell for smoke if they are working. To ensure they are working, smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm. Prepare students for the loud sound of the smoke alarm, and then sound the alarm by pushing the test button. 3. Ask students to complete the Smoke Alarms – Test Yours! Maze in the Fire Safety Starts with You! Activity booklet. Encourage students to ask their parents/guardians to test their smoke alarms at home. Remember, only a working smoke alarm can save lives! 4. Ask students to complete the Get Low and Go word scramble and the word search in the Fire Safety Starts with You! activity booklet. Once again, encourage students to ask their parents/guardians to test their smoke alarms at home. In addition they should replace the smoke alarm batteries once a year or as needed. 5. Remind students that if there is smoke they should stay low where the air is cleaner. As a class, they should practice getting low and go!! 	<p>Smoke Alarms</p> <p>Smoke Alarms Test Yours!</p> <p>Get Low and Go Word Scramble</p> <p>Word Search</p>
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<p>Topic #3 – Home Fire Escape Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All family members must know how to respond to a fire emergency by regularly practicing a home fire escape plan. Home fire escape plans should show 2 ways out of every room; windows and locks must open easily. Once outside all family members should gather at the Family Meeting Place! 2. Ask students to find two ways out of Home B in the Find Two Ways Out activity in the Fire Safety Starts with You! activity booklet. 3. Home Escape drills should be practiced at least twice a year. Working smoke alarms provide an early warning of smoke or fire. Ensure that there is at least one working smoke alarm near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Replace batteries at least once a year and never borrow a battery from a smoke alarm. 4. Ask students to complete the Practice Your Home Escape Plan in the Fire Safety Starts with You! activity booklet. Ask student to draw in where they think smoke alarms should be located throughout the home. 	<p>Practice Your Home Escape Plan</p> <p>Home B Find Two Ways Out!</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Emphasize that Practice Your Escape Plan is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2007. Practice is the key when it comes to escape plans. It is not enough just to have a fire escape plan but that to escape safely for a home fire you've got to make sure that everyone has practiced the plan as well. 6. An escape plan includes knowing two ways out of every room and having a meeting place outside the home. 7. Ask students to complete the Be Fire Smart crossword activity in the <i>Fire Safety Starts with You!</i> activity booklet. 	Be Fire Smart Crossword Puzzle
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<p>Topic #4 – Stop, Drop and Roll</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children should be taught what to do if their clothing catches on fire – Stop, Drop and Roll. Refer to the <i>Fire Safety Starts with You!</i> activity booklet and tell student to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STOP - where you are and don't run DROP - immediately to the ground and cover your face with your hands ROLL - over and over to smother the flames 2. Ask student to practice the Stop Drop and Roll technique ensuring that they cover their face with their hands. 	Know What to Do
<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now it's time to include the parents/guardians! Ask students to take their activity booklet home so they can complete the Home Inspection Checklist with their parents/guardians. Remind students that they need their parent's signature to enter to win the Home Computer System! 	Home Inspection Checklist Fire Safety Starts with You! Activity Booklet



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This Fire Prevention Week, October 7 – 13, 2007, your local fire department and your child's school have teamed up for safety! We are pleased to announce Protection and Emergency Services are sponsoring this program. Your child has been learning about Fire Prevention, working Smoke Alarms and home fire Escape Planning.

Please spend some time with your child to review the "Fire Safety Starts with You!" activity booklet they have brought home from school. Once your child has completed the booklet, **fill out the entry form for a chance to win a home computer system.** Take the completed entry form back to your teacher by **Friday October 26th, 2007** and the local fire department will pick them up from the teacher.

Most fatal fires happen in the home, where people feel the safest. Young children and the elderly are especially at high risk for fire deaths. Fortunately, there are many ways to prevent fires in your home. Reduce your family's risk from fire by reading the "**Parent Fire Safety Tip**" sections in the "Fire Safety Starts With You!" activity booklet your child has brought home.

Smoke Alarms & Fire Escape: If a fire breaks out in your home, smoke alarms will give you early warning to help you escape. By practising a fire escape plan, you and your family will know how to escape to safety during a fire emergency.

- Ensure there is at least one working smoke alarm near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Ensure smoke alarms are working by testing monthly and replacing batteries once a year.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Thank you for making fire safety your priority!

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