

Lesson Plan for “Fire Safety Starts with You!”

Children’s Fire Prevention Week Program - 2016

Key Points	Resources and Notes
<p>Students can be a powerful influence on family and loved ones by taking home fire safety messages learned at school.</p> <p>A great tool for helping them learn about fire safety is The “Fire Safety Starts With You!” activity booklet. It is intended to be discussed in class and then taken home to be shared with family members.</p> <p>This lesson focuses on helping students and their families understand that working smoke alarms save lives and how to prepare if a fire or other emergency should occur.</p> <p>The lesson is divided into specific objectives focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning about smoke alarms• planning and practicing a home escape plan• a quiz that tests children’s fire safety knowledge, and• fun activities that children can enjoy doing while learning safety. <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• While preparing to deliver this lesson it may be helpful to review the Fire Prevention Week Campaign kit posted at: http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week on the National Fire Protection Association website. The kit introduces the realities of fire and provides content that illustrates how working smoke alarms save lives and speaks to the importance of fire prevention. <p>During Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15, 2016) distribute one “Fire Safety Starts with You!” activity booklet to each student in your class. The 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme is “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”. The program for this year focuses on raising awareness that smoke alarms have an expiration date. Smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old should be replaced. To check how old your smoke alarm is, look at the date of the manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.</p> <p>The activity booklet addresses simple ways students can learn the importance of a working smoke alarm. The booklet also teaches students what to do in the event of a fire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are several different topics covered in the activity booklet. It is recommended that you discuss one topic per day during Fire Prevention Week. To reinforce learning review each topic from the previous day before proceeding to the next topic. Practicing where possible, is important because it increases	

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<p>the likelihood that people will make the safest choices during an actual emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the meaning of the word “prevention”. Introduce the idea that many home fires can be prevented and that students have the power to help make their home a safer place.• Introduce the topics covered in the “Fire Safety Starts with You!” activity booklet: <i>learning about smoke alarms, planning and practicing a home escape plan, sharing the knowledge gained with family members, assessing family/household safety through a quiz and demonstrating fire safe behaviors.</i>• Use the “Fire Safety Starts with You!” activity booklet as a guide.• Ask students if anyone can identify a smoke alarm and if they know where they are in their homes. Ask them if they have a smoke alarm in their bedroom or outside their bedroom door. Continue by asking them if they know what to do if they hear the smoke alarm.• Working smoke alarms save lives. That’s right, having smoke alarms in your home is very important. Smoke alarms let you know there is a fire. Working smoke alarms also give you time to get outside and stay outside if there is a fire.• Encourage students to take the booklet home and to discuss the booklet with their parent/guardian or other grown-ups. Ask them to find the smoke alarms with their parent or guardian and discuss how each working smoke alarm can save their lives.	
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<p>Objective #1 – Learning about smoke alarms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children should be taught to identify the sound of a working smoke alarm. Press the test button on a smoke alarm as a demonstration. Warn them first. 2. What is your smoke alarm telling you if it “chirps? That means the battery is low and a new battery needs to be installed. Demonstrate the sound with a low battery and then show how the battery is changed (which is something a parent or adult would do) and then test the alarm to show that it is working. Testing the battery is something that we do “Once a Month”! 3. Ask students if they know anyone who has experienced a home fire and where or how the fire started. Emphasize that in addition to cooking, electrical, heating appliances and smoking materials are also major causes of home fires. 4. Ask students to complete the <i>Smoke Alarm Safety Word Search</i> activity in the “Fire Safety Starts with You!” activity booklet. Did everyone find the 12 words? 5. Explain that this activity was developed to have them think about words regarding smoke alarm and fire safety. 6. Discuss the importance of having working smoke alarms and telling a responsible adult that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once a month – test your smoke alarms using the test button. If the smoke alarm doesn’t make a sound replace the battery. If it still doesn’t work replace the smoke alarm. - Change the battery in your smoke alarm according to manufacturer’s instructions or when you hear the low battery alarm. - Replace the smoke alarm with a new one every ten years. 	<p>Have a smoke alarm to demonstrate the sounds</p> <p>Visit:</p> <p>http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/teaching-fpw</p> <p>Sing and dance along with SteveSongs as Rosealie and her little brother learn about smoke alarms</p> <p>“Fire Safety Starts With You!” activity booklet - Smoke Alarm Safety Word Search</p>

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<p>Extension Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make book marks for their books. A bookmark template is available at: http://www.sparky.org/downloads/Bookmarks.pdf. 2. Invite a firefighter into the classroom to review completed booklets and give tips on being burn and fire safe. 3. Have a safety poster contest and judge the students’ illustrations. Be sure to recognize each child’s effort! 4. Have students bring in newspaper articles or TV news stories about house fires. Discuss details and talk about how the fire may have been prevented. 5. Practice the school escape plan. Use the signs or a sheet to indicate smoke. Students will practice using a second way out or getting low and going under the smoke to their exit. 6. Have younger children fold an origami dog. Instructions are available on the NFPA website at: http://www.sparky.org/downloads/origamidog.pdf. 7. Direct students to http://www.sparky.org/ where they can find out more information about fire safety and play interactive games with Sparky. <p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the “Fire Safety Starts With You!” activity booklet and ask students if they changed any answers and why. <p>Emphasize “Don’t Wait – Check the Date”. Summarize the lessons by making a list of safety tips for kids and review the three behaviors necessary to ensure smoke alarms can serve as life-saving devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once a month – test your smoke alarms using the test button. If the smoke alarm doesn’t make a sound replace the battery. If it still doesn’t work replace the smoke alarm. - Change the battery in your smoke alarm according to manufacturer’s instructions or when you hear the low battery alarm. - Replace the smoke alarm with a new one every ten years. Now it’s time to include the parents/guardians! Ask students to take their activity booklet home to complete with their parents/guardians so they can learn to be fire safe too! 	<p>“Fire Safety Starts With You!” activity booklet</p>