

Through this lesson, students will be able to make good decisions about fire safety at home as well as at school.. Students will also learn the school fire drill procedure, and design a home fire drill plan. This is a great lesson to teach children about fire safety and the importance of having a plan in case of an emergency. During this lesson, students will not only review many fire safety procedures, but create a fire drill plan for their home if they don't already have one in place.

GRADE LEVEL: 3-4

CONCEPTS: Health (Fire Safety)

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will be able to make good decisions about fire safety at home and at school
2. Students will know the school fire drill procedure
3. Students will design a home fire drill plan

MATERIALS:

1. Fire Drill song
2. Home fire drill planning sheet

PROCEDURES:

1. Talking about fire safety
2. Review
 - Does everybody remember how to "Stop, drop, and roll?"
 - Who do you call if there's a fire? (911)
 - How many people know your address or fire number? Do you have it by the phone?
3. Review School Fire Drill Procedure
 - Line up, leave your things
 - No running, don't want anyone to get hurt
 - Go to your gathering place, need to take a count to make sure everyone is out of the building.
 - What do you do if you are not in your classroom when the fire alarm goes off? Take the nearest exit out of the building and then find your gathering place. This is very important.
4. Sing the Fire Drill Song (Optional)
5. Why do we have fire drills at school? (So we'll know what to do if there is a fire)
 - Fires don't happen in schools very often.
 - Most fires occur at home.
6. How many of you have ever had a fire drill at home?
7. Now that you are in third grade you can be more responsible about fire safety. It is going to be your job to design and plan a fire drill for your home.
8. It is important for everyone to have a home fire drill plan.
 - This is something that should be discussed with your parents
 - Everyone has a different house
 - Everyone has a different family situation. Some of you may have to help other family members get out of the house (Younger brothers and sisters, handicapped, etc.)
 - Must have at least 2 ways out of every sleeping area (Usually a door and a window)

- Make sure you can open the window; if it can't be opened do you have something that you can throw through it if you have to. If you have to break the window to get out make sure and use a blanket to cover the broken glass.
- Can you reach the window? Some windows are up to high and you won't be able to get out. Make sure you have a chair or something in the room to stand on in order to reach the window for escape.
- If your bedroom is on the second floor make sure you have a rope or rope ladder that can be put out the window to crawl down. You don't want to jump if you don't have to. It's a good idea to tie knots in the rope; this will make it easier to hang on as you climb down.
- Always take the easiest and safest route. Don't jump out the window if it is safe to go out the door.
- Sleep with your door closed. If the smoke alarm goes off check the door to see if it is hot. (Use the backside of your hand, you don't want to burn your palm, you made need them to climb down a rope.) If the door is hot do not open!
- Once you are outside go to your designated gathering place. It is important for everyone to know that everybody else is out.
- Story
- Don't go back in the house for any reason.

9. Discuss smoke and smoke detectors

- Smoke is very dangerous
- When plastics bum they give off a very deadly gas. (There's plastic everywhere)
- The most dangerous particles in the smoke are light and close to the ceiling.
- If you have to go through smoke to get out of the house, stay low. The air is better, you can see better, and it is cooler down low.
- Smoke detectors can save lives.
- Different kinds of smoke detectors. Some run on electricity others have batteries and some have both.
- What kind do you have? If yours have batteries, the batteries should be changed once a year.
- You should test your smoke detectors once a month to make sure they are working.
- Have anyone of you ever had your smoke alarm go off at home when there wasn't a fire?
- Kitchens are a bad place for smoke alarms.
- Sometimes water particles will set off the smoke alarm (Steam from shower)
- Smoke alarms may also give false alarms if they are dirty or if they are worn out.

10. Does anyone have any questions about fire safety?

11. Hand out the home fire drill planning sheet

12. Explain the assignment

- Each student will draw the floor plan of their home
- Show the 2 exits from every sleeping area
- Choose a gathering place outside (either draw it or explain it)
- Make sure everyone in the family knows the plan.
- Conduct a surprise fire drill
- Students will return their plans and give an oral report on how their fire drill went.

EVALUATION:

The evaluation will be done through the schools fire drills. The student's knowledge of fire safety will also be assessed by their home fire drill plans and the oral report of the practice fire drill.

Tune: The Bear

1. What will we do (echo)
When the fire alarm rings (echo)
We'll all line up (echo)
We'll leave our things (echo)
(All together)
2. We'll go outside (echo) To our meeting place (echo) We'll walk quickly (echo) But it's not a race
(echo) We'll go outside to our meeting place
We'll walk quickly, but it's not a race
3. We'll count each one (echo) We're making sure (echo) No one is gone (echo) And no one's hurt
(echo) We'll count each one we're making sure No one is gone and no ones hurt
4. The bell has rung (echo) The fire drill is done (echo) We'll go inside (echo) We will not run
(echo) The bell has rung the fire drill is done We'll go inside we will not run
5. It's time for class (echo) Now don't you frown (echo) Pick up your things (echo) And please sit
down (echo) It's time for class now don't you frown Pick up your things and please sit down
6. That's all there is (echo) to the fire drill (echo) Let's end this song (echo) I've had my fill (echo)
That's all there is to the fire drill Let's end this song I've had my fill.

*Music for "The Bear" can be found in the Wee Sing Fun 'N' Folk book
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HOME FIRE DRILL PLAN

1. Draw the floor plan of your home (It doesn't have to be perfect)
2. Show the two exits for every sleeping area
3. Label your gathering place outside
4. Make sure everyone in the family knows the gathering place and the fire drill plan
5. Have a surprise fire drill
6. Oral report on how your fire drill went