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FIREBOY TO THE RESCUE!

A FIRE SAFETY BOOK

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GRADES
PREK–3

About the Book

This accessible guidebook answers children's most important questions about how to prevent fires and how to stay safe if one starts.

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Language Arts

Creative Writing—Fireboy is a superhero who teaches us fire safety. Have students create their own original superheroes who can help us stay safe, and then write and illustrate stories about them. Some possible areas in which to explore safety issues and create tips might be swimming, hiking, cooking, walking in the city, earthquakes, camping, etc. Students can brainstorm others.

Review Tips—Have students make an illustrated classroom chart of fire safety tips they have learned from the book. It can be divided into sections on home, school, and outdoors.

Drama—Have students enact making a 911 call to report a fire, stressing the appropriate information that needs to be given.

Escape Plan—As a homework assignment, ask students to get together with their families and create an escape plan for their own home. Have them share these with the whole class. They can also collaborate on creating an escape plan for the classroom.

Social Science

Research—The book shows Benjamin Franklin as the first volunteer fireman. Students can do additional research on Franklin to find out some of his other “firsts” or they can do research on the history of fire departments—in their own city or in the United States in general.

Field Trip—Visit the fire station that is nearest to your school. Have students prepare a group of questions to ask the firefighters or invite a local firefighter to visit the class.

Careers—Students can write letters to the local fire department asking for information regarding what is necessary if one wants to become a firefighter.

Online Resources

<http://tinyurl.com/ya8lwme>—Presents a detailed description of how Benjamin Franklin is credited with being the Father of the American Fire Service and shows the same picture of him that was used in the book. An excellent reference for teachers.

<http://tinyurl.com/y96m5na>—Presents many photos of antique fire trucks from Google Images. Students might want to create their own illustrations from these photos.

www.google.com—By entering “Chicago Fire 1871,” students will be directed to a variety of sites that provide facts, videos, pictures, and maps of this famous fire that is mentioned in the book.

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/parents-teachers/about.shtm>—Presents a variety of information, discussion points, additional lesson plans, quizzes, and games to help students become more aware of fire safety issues

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