

October 2008



Dear Teacher:

October 5-11 is **Fire Prevention Week** and this year's theme is **Prevent Home Fires**. University Place Fire Department has put together a packet of materials to help you, your students, and families learn about home fire escape planning. In it you will find:

- A Fire Prevention Week poster to display in your classroom
- Fire safety stickers and pencils to use in your classroom
- 2008 Fire Prevention Week Fast Facts & Key Points for Kids & Families information sheets
- Copies of the Fire Inspection Checklist & Entry Form to distribute to all of your students

The **Prevent Home Fires** activities and message could someday save your students' lives! Here is what we'd like you to do:

- Teach your students about preventing home fires and the importance of overall fire safety.
- For fire safety information use the Fast Facts and Key Points for Kids sheets. More information and lesson plans can be found at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).
- Send the Fire Inspection Checklist and Entry Form home with each student to complete with their family.

To enter the **Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires** contest:

- Collect the completed Fire Inspection Checklist and Entry Forms from your students.
- Return all entries to the Fire Prevention Week folder in the office.
- Bundle your entries and include your name, grade level and number of entries (Smith, Grade 3, 20/25).
- On Friday afternoon, **October 24th**, a representative of University Place Fire Department will come to your school to collect the checklists and entry forms.

There are two prizes available in this contest:

- Those classes that have 100% participation are eligible for the drawing to win a pizza party at the fire station.
- All students who turn in a completed Fire Inspection Checklist and Entry Form will have an opportunity to win a ride to school on the fire engine.

Remember, this activity could someday save the life of one of your students. Thank you for participating in, **Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires**.

Sincerely,

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