



Safety Superheroes

OBJECTIVE: Read to learn ways to stay safe in and around school.

STANDARDS: Science: Personal health; Social Studies (NCSS): Individual development and identity

“The most important thing you can do to stay safe at school is to listen.”

BEFORE READING

Visualize/Predict

Invite children to imagine how a safety superhero might dress and act.

Explain to children that you will be reading an issue about how to be a school-safety superhero. Ask, “What would a school-safety superhero be good at?” (*staying safe in school*) Ask children to imagine what these superheroes might wear and what special powers they might have. Then read the issue to see how children’s imaginations match up with it!

DURING READING

Phonics/Beginning Sounds

Use the superheroes’ names to help children recognize alliteration.

Say the title of the issue aloud slowly, emphasizing the *s* in *safety* and *superheroes*. Ask, “What sound do you hear at the beginning of each word?” (*the s sound*) Then read the name of the first superhero on page 2. Ask, “What sound does the first word start with?” (*w*) How about the second?” (*w*) Explain that when words start with the same sounds, it’s called *alliteration*. Children can name the beginning sounds in each hero’s name as they read.

AFTER READING

Apply Knowledge

Help children apply school-safety rules to a variety of situations.

Make up scenarios and ask children to tell what they would do. For example, “You are walking in the hall and you see someone you want to talk with, but that person is far ahead of you. Would you run to catch up or wait until later to talk?” (*wait until later*) “Why?” (*because it’s not safe to run in the hall*)

READ ALOUD BACKGROUND

Listening Keeps You Safe

- The most important thing you can do to stay safe at school is to listen. Follow directions the first time you hear them.
- Teachers, bus drivers, crossing guards, principals, and other grown-ups are there to help keep you safe. They are safety superheroes too!

Stay Safe on the Way to School

- **Crossing guards** tell you when to cross the street. You can usually tell who the crossing guards are by their orange or yellow vests.
- If you walk to school, walk with a buddy. Don’t talk to strangers.
- Wear your seat belt in a car, even if you are going on a drive for only a few minutes. Always keep your hands inside the car.
- If you take the bus to school, stay on the sidewalk while you wait for the bus. Get on the bus one at a time. Find a seat and stay in your seat while the bus is moving. Talk quietly. The bus driver’s job is to watch the road, not you!

Stay Safe in the Classroom

- If something spills in the classroom, clean it up right away. Don’t leave games or toys on the floor either. This will help make sure that nobody slips and falls.
- There is one thing that should stay on the floor—your chair! Don’t rock back or wiggle around when you sit in it. You could fall and hurt yourself.

Stay Safe at Recess

- Stand away from the front of the slide. You wouldn’t want someone to slide down right on top of you!
- If there is a problem or if someone is being mean, let a teacher or other adult know.