



Emergency Preparedness: Building a Kit for Potential Disaster

Grade Level: 3rd – 5th

Objectives:

- Students will develop an understanding of the importance of emergency preparedness
- Students will learn the first step to get ready for a potential disaster
- Students will become familiar with the items that belong in a Ready kit so that will be create one for themselves and family

Materials: (2 or 3 sets of the items below. You can either use real items or paper cutouts of the items)

- Emergency Supply Checklist
- A plastic container (to store real items) or a small basket (for paper items)
- Bottled Water
- Canned food
- NOAA Weather Radio or battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Whistle
- Moist towelettes
- Local map
- First aid kit

Activity: Ready Kit Scavenger Hunt

1. Create paper strips with the name and image of each item in a Ready kit.
2. Separate your class into groups of two or three and give each team member one (or more) of the paper strips. These are the Ready kit items they will search for during the scavenger hunt.
3. Instruct students to notify you when all of their teammates find every item that they were assigned for the scavenger hunt.
4. Set a timer and see who comes back first with all the items on their list.

Discussion and Quiz Questions

Note to Instructor: The goal is for every student to be able to assemble a Ready kit of emergency supply items with their family members and inform them of the importance of

preparing for the unexpected. To encourage your students to share what they've learned with their parents/caregivers, give the students an at-home assignment that they can bring back to share with the class (i.e. taking a picture of their family's Ready kit to share with the class, bringing in a Ready kit that was created with family, having parents sign a sheet once they have put together their Ready kit, etc.)

1. Why is it important to prepare for an emergency?
2. How can you and your family be prepared before a disaster strikes?
3. What items should you place in your Ready kit?
4. What are the most important items to you for your Ready kit? (encourage discussion about what personal items they would like to have in case of an emergency)
5. Why is it important to packed canned food as opposed to food in a bag or plastic container?
6. Do you have to buy new items for your Ready kit or can you find some of these items at home?
7. Where should you store your Ready kit so that you easily access it in case of an emergency?
8. Since every family is different and has different needs for each family member, will everyone's Ready kit be exactly the same?