

# Everyday is Fire Safety Day - Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

## Lesson Plan: Be Prepared (K-2)



### Preparation:

- Make copies of the “Be Prepared!” poem and the rhyming cards.

### Materials:

- “Be Prepared!” poem and rhyming cards
- Crayons and scissors

### Procedure:

- **Activate Prior Knowledge:** Ask students what it means to “Be Prepared” at home and school. Introduce the idea of being prepared for a fire; ask what that might mean (doing fire drills, being safe, etc).
- Read through the entire poem and then ask for comments/questions.
- Ask if any students currently have a home fire escape plan, and discuss what is involved in making an escape plan.
- Read through the poem again, pausing to see if students can finish each line with the appropriate rhyme.
- Distribute a copy of the poem to each child. Read together.
- Ask students to label each rhyming pair by underlining each pair in a different color.
- Pass out Rhyming Word Cards. Students may cut them out, shuffle them up and then match them up again. Cards could also be used for an alphabetizing mini-lesson or a memory game.

### Extension Activities:

- Create a class book. Cut apart a copy of the “Be Prepared!” poem. Pass out one line per group of students. Have students rewrite and illustrate their line, put completed pages together in order to make a book.
- Write and illustrate your own fire safety rule rhyme. Compile them as a class book or join together with another class to share your fire safety expertise.
- Take it a step further by copying a completed book for each student to take home!

# Be Prepared! Poem & Rhyming Words

## Be Prepared!

A fire can happen day or night,  
It can cause quite a fright.

It's never fun to be scared.  
You always need to be prepared!

Listen up and learn all you can,  
To be safe you need a fire escape plan.

First you need smoke alarms that go beep, beep, beep.  
They'll let you know there's a fire even when you're asleep.

From each room you need to know 2 ways out,  
An outside meeting place! That's what it's all about.

An emergency is no fun,  
Get out FIRST, and then dial 911.

Practice, practice with your whole family.  
It is important for EVERYONE to be safe as can be.



## Rhyming Words Match-Up

Directions: Cut apart word cards, match up words that rhyme. You can also turn the cards over to play a memory game. Or play a alphabetizing game.

night	fright
prepared	scared
can	plan
out	about
fun	911
beep	asleep
family	be