



YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

This week we read about scarecrows and Fire Prevention Week.

Paper Caper

ACTIVITY: Now that it's officially fall, check out your local newspaper to find information about special fall activities such as apple and pumpkin picking, hayrides and haunted houses. Make a list of all the fun things to do that you find in your newspaper. Give each activity a title, and organize your list alphabetically. Be sure to include the day and time for each event.

STANDARDS: Students will use a variety of resources to conduct research. Students will use alphabetization to organize information.

EXTRA CREDIT: Take the information you gathered and transfer it to an October calendar.

STANDARD: Students will understand and use calendars.

Retro Research

ACTIVITY: This week's story about scarecrows mentions that long ago people placed images of gods in their fields to help protect their crops. Using the library or other resources, find out the names of the gods that people from the following civilizations would likely have turned to for help with their crops: ancient Greece, ancient Rome, ancient Egypt, ancient China, ancient Aztecs.

STANDARD: Students will study and understand the traditions of ancient cultures.

Bear Business

ACTIVITY: This week's Brains-Yak was about fire safety mascot

Smokey Bear. Create a list of 10 things you know about bears. Don't know 10 things? Well, then, it's time to hit the library or the Internet to learn more.

STANDARD: Students will identify traits of familiar animals.

Prevention Plan

ACTIVITY: Your school often has fire drills so that if there is an emergency, students and teachers at your school can get out of the building quickly and safely. But have you ever planned a fire-evacuation route for your home? Draw a map that shows two ways to escape your bedroom in case of a fire.

STANDARD: Students will create simple maps of familiar places.

Writers Log

ACTIVITY: Write a brief play in which the characters involved do one of the following: call 911, use the "stop, drop and roll" technique, avoid a fire hazard.

STANDARD: Students will write simple dialogues.

Mathematical Man

ACTIVITY: On a piece of paper, draw a scarecrow using only geometric shapes. Try to use as many shapes as possible, and don't limit yourself to squares, rectangles, circles and triangles.

When you're done, make a list of the names of all the shapes you used.

STANDARD: Students will identify and create regular polygons.



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ACTIVITY: This week's Brainy-Yak was about fire safety mascot Smokey Bear. Create a list of 10 things you would like to know about bears. Then, go to the library or use the Internet to find answers to your questions and write a brief summary of your findings.

10 things I'd like to know about bears:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____