

Safety Drills – Pre-Drill Teacher Script

4th Grade – High School

Teacher: Today we are going to talk about safety and some safety procedures that we follow at our school. First, let's see if you can come up with some things that you know happen at our school that help keep everyone safe?

Possible student responses: Staff wear badges; we practice drills - fire, reverse evacuation, tornado, lockdown and earthquake; we keep outside doors locked; people check-in at the front office; we stay together on field trips; we stay together in a line, etc.

Teacher: Great job coming up with examples! *(If they did not mention practicing drills, please remind them that we also practice fire, reverse evacuation, tornado, lockdown and earthquake drills as part of our safety procedures)*

Teacher: Let's talk about drills for a minute. First of all, why do we practice drills?

Possible student responses: We need to know what to do in different emergency situations; we practice so we feel more prepared

Teacher: Exactly- we hope that we never have a fire in our school or a tornado that comes near us, but we do want you to be prepared. What are my expectations when we are practicing a drill? What do you need to do during a drill?

Possible student responses: Be quiet, listen, follow directions *(examples that NEED to be pointed out: listen, follow directions, voices off, pay attention)*

Teacher: Why do you think we ask you to be so quiet during a drill?

Possible student responses: It allows the teacher to get important information; it helps the teacher concentrate; it makes it easier to listen to the teacher's directions

Teacher: Why do you think it's so important to listen during drills?

Possible student responses: We will hear the directions; we will know what to do or where to go

Teacher: Why do you think it's so important to follow directions during a drill?

Possible student responses: So that everyone knows what to do to stay as safe as possible

Teacher: Excellent! It sounds like we all know how to behave when practicing any type of safety drill.