



The Mini Page

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Next Week:
World Rivers Day

Safety at School



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Mini Fact:

Hundreds of thousands of students serve on their schools' safety patrols.

As we head back to school, The Mini Page reviews some safety basics to remember for a successful start to the year.

Fill in each face to show how well you obey safety rules.



As a bus rider, do you:

• Get off and on one at a time and use the handrails?

• Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early?

• Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before standing up?

• Cross at least five giant steps in front of the bus so the driver can see you?



As a car rider, do you:

• Get into and out of the car on the curb side?

• Help the driver by speaking softly?

• Always wear a seat belt and sit in the back seat?

As a bike rider, do you:

• Always wear a helmet?

• Walk your bike across busy intersections?

• Obey traffic signals?

• Obey school rules about riding bikes?



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As a walker, do you:

• Walk with a friend or adult?



• Walk, not run, across the street?

• Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street?

• Cross the street at corners or crosswalks?

• Never cross the street from between parked cars?

At recess, do you:

• Make sure you don't run with anything, especially sharp objects, in your mouth?

• Look out for stones, holes and other hazards before playing in a field?

Resources



On the Web:

• bit.ly/MPschoolsafety

At the library:

• "Staying Safe at School" by Theresa Emminizer

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of school safety are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ADULT, BACK, BICYCLE, BUS, CAR, CROSSWALK, CURB, HELMET, INTERSECTION, PATROL, RECESS, RULES, SCHOOL, SEAT BELT, SIGNALS, STOP, TRAFFIC, WALK, YEAR.

D N S E L T L E B T A E S G D
L E L C Y C I B Q R U L E S T
Q S L Y K C R O S S W A L K Z
B Q L O K C A B C T E M L E H
T B G A R T R A C S C H O O L
L X R I N T E R S E C T I O N
U J D U W G A N Q N G R R K M
D E J A C V I P P O T S A O K
A I L N O X S S E C E R H E W
M K T R A F F I C Q S U B H Y

Cook's Corner

Fruitful Chicken Salad

You'll need:

- 3 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1 cup diced celery
- juice from 1 small lemon
- 1 tablespoon minced red onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, quartered

- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Combine chicken, celery, lemon juice, onion and salt in a large bowl. Chill.
2. Gently stir in remaining ingredients.
3. Serve on bread as sandwiches or on lettuce leaves as a salad. Serves 6 to 8.

Mini Jokes



Sierra: Where do swimmers sit to eat dinner?

Sebastian: At the pool table!

Eco Note



Humans pumped so much water out of the ground between 1993 and 2010 that its redistribution on the surface caused Earth's poles to shift by about 3 feet. Scientists say that is equivalent to the polar shift brought on by the melting of Greenland's ice cap during the same period. Experts at the University of Texas at Austin say other factors also cause the planet to wobble like a top by several yards each year, due to the natural redistribution of water from season to season. They point to rising sea levels due to climate change as another factor.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about school starting back up.

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1. Objects used for taking pictures (7-letter plural noun)

2. To secure with a key or bolt (4-letter verb)

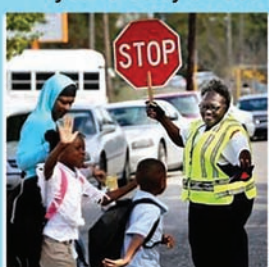
3. To stop from happening; to hold or keep back (7-letter verb)

4. Unexpected situation needing immediate attention (9-letter noun)

1. Bobby saw four _____ in the front hallway at school.
2. If wind makes this door slam shut, it will always _____.
3. Wet floors must be dried to _____ slipping accidents.
4. If an _____ happens, loud bells will ring in classes.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Cameras, Lock, Prevent, Emergency.

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