



HOME CONNECTIONS

First Grade / Medication Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child's school has teamed up with Emily's Hope to bring a unique Substance Use Prevention Curriculum to students. The curriculum is designed to teach students about how their brain develops, understand their emotions and pressures, and help children build the skills and confidence to make healthy choices now and in the future.

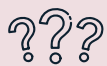


Lesson Highlights

Key Learning Adventures:

This week, your student learned about Medication Safety. They learned to identify trusted adults in their lives and not accept medication or candy from anyone else.

Your student learned how medicine is used to help them, but it can be dangerous when not used properly. In these cases, a helpful medicine could become a poison. That's why your child needs to be able to identify trusted adults in their lives.



Why it Matters

Medication safety for children is crucial because they are highly vulnerable to accidental poisoning and overdose due to their small size, curiosity, and developing bodies. A wrong dose, even if slightly off, can cause severe side effects, organ damage, or even death. Precise administration and safe, careful storage are essential.



Conversation Starters

Ask your student to share the names of trusted adults in their lives with you. Ask them how they know the adult they named is a trusted adult.

Ask your student to share with you a time when they were sick. Do they remember taking any medicine to help them feel better.

Reinforce with your student the importance of only taking medicine from a trusted adult.



Parent Resources

Emily's Hope Substance Use Prevention Curriculum

<https://emilyshopeedu.org/>

Emily's Hope Parent Resources

<https://parents.emilyshopeedu.org>

Emily's Hope website

<https://emilyshope.charity/>