



HOME CONNECTIONS

Fifth Grade / Medication Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians,

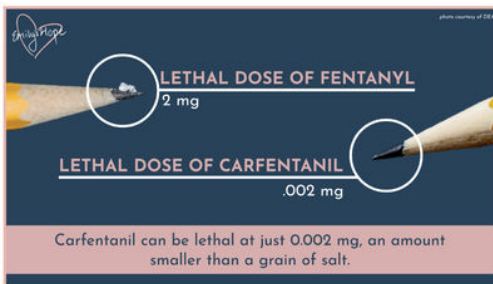
Your child's school has teamed up with Emily's Hope to bring a unique Substance Use Prevention Curriculum to students. The curriculum is designed to teach students about how their brain develops, understand their emotions and pressures, and help children build the skills and confidence to make healthy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



Lesson Highlights

Key Learning Adventures:

This week, your student learned about keeping themselves safe from powerful drugs like fentanyl. Fentanyl is a powerful, prescribed opioid that is 100 times stronger than morphine. Mostly used to help control unbearable pain levels for sick patients in medical settings, fentanyl can be a lethal drug if used in the wrong manner without medical supervision.



Why it Matters

Learning about powerful opioids like fentanyl can help children understand the risks of accidental exposure, especially from counterfeit pills made to look like other drugs or candy. This knowledge can empower them to practice basic drug safety, such as never taking unprescribed medication or pills from anyone other than a trusted adult.



Conversation Starters

Ask your student what they know about powerful opioids like fentanyl. Have your child explain why someone might be prescribed such a drug.

Ask your student to explain the difference between over-the-counter medicine and prescription medication. Ask them to share when it is ok to share prescription medication with someone else. (Never).

Together with your student, review different medications you may have at home. Ask your student to find the recommended use section and have them read it back to you.



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/>