

# Indoor Signs (Kindergarten)

**Standards:** CCSS Social Studies K.5a

**Objective:** Students will be able to identify common safety signs found inside buildings and demonstrate an understanding of the appropriate responses to those signs.

**Materials:** (attached at bottom of document) 1 full page print out of each sign, one class set of indoor sign cards

**Vocabulary:** caution, exit, danger, emergency, notice, alarm

## **Presentation/ Procedures:**

*We've been talking about the rules we have in the classroom and at home to help keep us safe. What were some of the rules, and why do we have them?*

Students respond verbally

*There are all kinds of signs in buildings, like all around our school. Some of them have words, some have pictures, some have both, but it's important to know what signs mean, because they tell us things we need to know so we can be safe. What kind of signs have you seen inside buildings, especially in our school?*

Students speak to their partners, each partnership shares out, answers recorded on whiteboard/chart paper.

*You sure know a lot about signs! There are lots of important signs, but I've picked out just five for today that I want us to concentrate on.*

Present the Caution: Wet Floor photo. Facilitate a student discussion in pair, small group, or whole class format involving some or all of the following questions:

*What does this say? What does the picture show? Where might we see this sign? Why would it be important for this sign to be there? What might happen if someone didn't see or ignored this sign? What should you do if you see a sign like this?*

Choose a student to act out walking down the hall, seeing the Wet Floor sign, and walking very carefully past it (within the classroom).

Repeat this procedure with the photos of the other signs. The questions might vary a bit from sign to sign.

**NOTE: WHEN DISCUSSING THE FIRE ALARM AND EMERGENCY DOOR, MAKE SURE TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT TRIGGERING THEM WHEN THERE IS NO EMERGENCY**

*What do we notice that is similar about many of these signs?*

Take answers, and if it doesn't come up, briefly discuss the use of red and yellow as attention getting colors used as warnings of danger.

Take the class around the halls of the school, asking them to point out signs in general, and signs you studied in particular.

Return to the classroom and give each student a set of indoor sign cards. Ask students to hold up the card for the appropriate sign in response to a series of questions:

*ex. What kind of sign would I need if a kid dropped a juice box and the floor was slippery? Which sign could I put up if I noticed a lot of people tripping on that small stair going up to the gym? (Etc..)*

*Remind me: Why is it so important for us to know what these signs mean and pay attention to them?*

**Evaluation:** Informally monitor the students during the discussions and while raising their indoor sign cards for evidence of understanding.

**Homework:** Look for indoor signs after you leave school (on bus, in store etc...), students will have a chance to share out examples of signs they noticed tomorrow.

**Adaptation:** English language learners and students with disabilities may benefit from pasting their cards into their notebooks (personal dictionaries) for later reference. Additionally, having the vocabulary words listed at the top of the document explicitly taught and placed on the class word wall before the lesson begins could aid with language acquisition and confidence.





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