**Fire Safety Plan and Evacuation Checklist**

Welcome to our lesson on fire safety! Today, we're going to learn how to stay safe in case of a wildfire, just like the big fires that happened in California in January 2025. We'll talk about how fires behave, what safety steps we should take, and how to make a plan to keep our families safe.

 **Understanding Wildfires**

Wildfires are large, uncontrolled fires that spread quickly. They can be very dangerous and can destroy homes and forests. It's important to know how to stay safe if a wildfire is near your home.

 **Creating a Fire Safety Plan**

One of the best ways to stay safe during a wildfire is to have a fire safety plan. This plan will help you know what to do and where to go if a fire is approaching. Here are some steps to create your own fire safety plan:

* \*\*Know Your Exits\*\*: Make sure you know at least two ways to get out of every room in your house.
* \*\*Have a Meeting Spot\*\*: Pick a safe place outside your home where everyone in your family will meet if you need to evacuate.
* \*\*Pack an Emergency Kit\*\*: Include items like water, snacks, a flashlight, and important documents.
* \*\*Practice Your Plan\*\*: Regularly practice your fire safety plan with your family so everyone knows what to do.

 **Evacuation Checklist**

If you need to leave your home quickly because of a wildfire, it's important to be prepared. Here's a checklist of things to do and bring with you:

* \*\*Follow Instructions\*\*: Listen to local authorities and follow their instructions for evacuation.
* \*\*Grab Your Emergency Kit\*\*: Make sure you have your emergency kit ready to go.
* \*\*Wear Protective Clothing\*\*: Wear long sleeves, pants, and sturdy shoes to protect yourself from heat and flames.
* \*\*Lock Your Doors and Windows\*\*: Close and lock all doors and windows before you leave to help keep the fire out.
* \*\*Head to Your Meeting Spot\*\*: Go to the safe place you picked with your family.

 **Reflection**

Think about what you learned today and how you can use this information to keep your family safe. How can you help your community be better prepared for wildfires in the future? Share your thoughts with your classmates and remember, being prepared can save lives!

 **Resources**

Here are some resources to help you create your fire safety plan and evacuation checklist:

* \*\*Video Clip\*\*: "January 2025 California Fires"
* \*\*Multimedia Presentation\*\*: Slides with maps, photos, and infographics
* \*\*Worksheets\*\*: Fire safety plan templates and evacuation checklists

Stay safe and always be prepared!