Railroad Safety
Pre-Visit Lesson

Grades: PreK - 2nd grade  Class Time Needed: 30 minutes

Big Idea  Students will understand different ways we stay safe in our communities.

Maryland Curriculum Standards

Social Studies Framework

- Essential Question (PreK-Kindergarten): Why do we have rules at home, at school and in the community?
- Essential Question (1st grade): How do communities help individuals and groups?
- Essential Question (2nd grade): How is life different today than in the past?

Materials Needed

- Read aloud book or video recording of read a-loud book (Country Crossing by Jim Aylesworth or Crossing by Phillip Booth)
- Student worksheets (available at end of this lesson)
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Internet access
- Railroad Safety Video  https://youtu.be/RkN0DoznFxk
- Traffic Light Safety Song  https://youtu.be/YdG-tOtpyM0
Lesson Procedure

Introduction:

Choose a picture book for a group read aloud that focuses on train safety (Examples: “Country Crossing” by Jim Aylesworth or “Crossing” by Phillip Booth). Discuss the following questions after the read aloud -

- Have you seen a railroad crossing sign before?
- What other signs do you see when driving or walking in your neighborhood?
- Why are signs important?
- How do rules keep us safe?
- How old do you think these signs are?
- How did people stay safe before there were railroad crossing and other safety signs?

Direct Instruction (Student Activity):

Complete the safety sign recognition worksheets. Note: Depending on level of ability and time available, students may complete one, two or all of the activities provided.
Lesson Procedure Continued

Conclusion:

Finish the lesson with a video reviewing railroad safety.

Examples:

Railroad Safety (3 minutes)  https://youtu.be/RkN0DoznFxk

Traffic Light Safety Song (2 minutes)  https://youtu.be/YdG-tOtpyM0
Name ______________________________________________________________

Directions: Use red, yellow, and green crayons to color the traffic light below.

Learn the colors and meaning of a traffic light

Traffic Light

Stop
Caution
Go

Red
Yellow
Green
COLOR THE SIGNS!
Directions: Cut and paste the safety signs from the next page onto the correct squares.