

1st Grade Child Safety Unit

Dear Hemlock Creek Family:

During the week of **April 17, 2023**, 1st grade students will begin a 2 lesson unit on the topic of personal safety. The Child Safety Unit is designed to meet the education requirements of Wisconsin State Statute 118.01(2)(d)8 which states, in part, that students shall gain:

Knowledge of effective means by which pupils may recognize, avoid, prevent and halt physically or psychologically intrusive or abusive situations which may be harmful to pupils, including child abuse, sexual abuse and child enticement. Instruction shall be designed to help pupils develop positive psychological, emotional and problem-solving responses to such situations and avoid relying on negative, fearful or solely reactive methods of dealing with such situations.

Each lesson will help students learn three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on bikes or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
- **Touching Safety.** Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts. They will also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell an adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

If you have questions or concerns about the Child Safety Unit, please contact me. As with all Phantom Skills units, I encourage you to talk to your child about the lessons in this Child Safety Unit.

Thank you for helping us to make our school a supportive place where everyone can learn!

Sincerely,

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