

# Firehouse

The Kindergarten classes both spent time visiting the fire station last week and this week. There we met with the firefighters and EMTs who serve our neighborhood. October is fire safety month so the timing was perfect.

The students were able to see the fire trucks and learned how they work. We also learned that they are pumper trucks that hold a lot of water to put out the fires. The firefighters put on their fire clothes and showed us how the oxygen tank works when they are fighting fires.



Most importantly they taught us how to be safe in a fire. We learned how to dial **9-1-1** only in an emergency. It is also important to know how to get down low on the ground when there is smoke or fire to keep from inhaling the dangerous fumes. The firefighters taught the students how to feel the door to see if the fire has spread to the bedroom and to yell out the window for help. Seeing the firefighters in their full gear will help us know not to be afraid of them in an emergency.

Please practice an escape plan at home for your family in case of fire or another emergency. It is important to have a meeting place at a neighbor's house or some other place that is safe. The fire fighters suggested that we practice an escape plan at home at least once a year.