**Preparation for a Lockdown Drill**

Students can be reminded about how we practice ***fire drills*** so we know what to do if there was ever a fire at the school. Here’s what we do:

• Close the windows.

• Turn off the lights.

• Stay very quiet.

• Listen to the teacher.

• Close the doors.

• Leave the building and meet at the gathering place (field) so the teacher can count to make sure everyone is safe.

• Stay together quietly and wait to be told it is safe to go back insidethe building.

Then it could be discussed how sometimes it is safer to stay inside the building and in the classroom. Some examples are:

• If there was an accident outside.

• If there was an animal outside.

• A dog we didn’t know came into the building.

• A stranger came into the building.

• The police were outside somewhere taking care of a problem down the street.

Just like we practice fire drills and leave the building we need to practice how we stay safe in the school without leaving the building (drawing similarities to fire drills)

• Go to the gathering place in the classroom.

• Close the doors and windows.

• Turn off the lights.

• Stay very quiet.

• Listen to the teacher.

• Stay together quietly and wait to be told when it is safe to leave the classroom.