

Grade 3

Health Objective 2.07

Summarize the dangers of weapons and demonstrate how to seek help if a weapon or firearm is found.

Language Arts Objective 2.05

Draw conclusions, make generalizations, and gather support by referencing the text.

Materials Needed:

Drums of Noto Hanto by J. Alison James, Tsukushi
Appendix 1 - transparency of Common Dangers of Weapons
Appendix 2a, b - What Should You Do? scenarios

Focus:

Read *The Drums of Noto Hanto* by J. Alison James.

Ask the students: *What is a weapon?* Name some. (Something used to defeat or injure another, guns, knives, clubs)

What are some of the dangers weapons can bring or cause? (Death, slight or serious injury)

Can you defend yourself without the weapons mentioned earlier? How?

Ask the students to discuss what the people of Nabune, Japan, used as weapons.

Ask the students if that is better than using a more destructive weapon such as a gun and knife.

Teacher Input:

Display the common dangers of weapons overhead. Ask students what these dangers have in common? All of these dangers cause hurt or harm to people and things. These dangers are the reasons why weapons are regulated and why an adult should be notified immediately if a weapon is found. If anyone even suspects that another student is carrying a weapon or has seen a weapon, please notify your teacher or principal immediately.

America is losing too many children to gun violence. Between 1979 and 2001, gunfire killed 90,000 children and teens in America.

In one year, more children and teens died from gunfire than from cancer, pneumonia, influenza, asthma, and HIV/AIDS combined. (Children's Defense Fund)

Every day in America, 13 young people ages 19 and under are killed by guns. Gunshot wounds are the second leading cause of death for all people aged 10-34.

Share the following Gun Safety Rules with the class. If you see a gun even at home you may be tempted but DO NOT TOUCH IT!!! Leave the area and remember these rules:

- Stop
- Don't touch

- Remove yourself from the area
- Tell an adult

Practice & Assessment:

Split the class up into pairs. Give each pair a scenario asking them to come up with a solution to the problem using the rules given earlier for dealing with a gun. (Appendix)

1. You and your best friend are playing in your parent's room and you come across a hunting gun in the closet. What do you do?
2. You are at a friend's house and his brother takes out his new illegally purchased handgun. What do you do?
3. A bully at school tells you he has a knife in his locker...What do you do?
4. A person you know tells you that they are going shoot themselves and they know their parents have a gun...What do you do?
5. You get approached by someone selling firearms to children in you neighborhood...What do you do?
6. Your friend's father has a gun cabinet and he leaves it unlocked and your friend wants to get in the cabinet and just look at them...What do you do?
7. Your friend wants to copy a video game you both love to play by using your dad's real guns...What do you do?
8. Miguel talks to his friends Johnny and Ricky before class starts. Miguel's friend Ricky is talking about how angry he is at Jose for telling Mrs. Brown, their teacher that he cheated on yesterday's pop quiz. Miguel notices that Ricky brought a knife to school in his backpack. Ricky stated that he was going to teach Jose a lesson after school that he would never forget. What should Miguel do?
9. Lisa is jogging in her neighborhood nature trail when she notices a gun on the ground. She also noted that there were bullets on the ground next to it. She did not see any other people around, however, she knew that other kids ran and played on the nature trail. She had seen two other adults walking when she first started jogging on the trail and she knew that they had not reached her point yet. What should Lisa do?

Common Dangers of Weapons

- Injury of people
- Destruction of property
- Death of people or animals

What Would You Do?

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