

Let's Learn About Fire Safety!

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Students will:

1. Listen to a book.
2. List fire safety rules.
3. Illustrate a fire safety rule.

Materials

- *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* by Norman Bridwell
- Red, black, and white construction paper
- Small squares of white and black construction paper
- Writing paper
- Chart paper or large Clifford-shaped red paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- **Optional:** Yellow construction paper
- **Optional:** Blue construction paper

Set Up and Prepare

1. Cut enough construction paper for each child to make a Clifford-shaped book cover. You will need the following for each student:
 - 1 2-inch square of white paper (Clifford's eyes)
 - 1 4-inch square of black paper (Clifford's nose, eyebrows)
 - 1 1-inch squares of black paper (Clifford's irises in his eyes)
 - 1 12-inch squares of red construction paper
 - 1 3x6-inch rectangles of red construction paper
 - Multiple 12-inch squares of white writing paper
 - **Optional:** 1 4-inch square of blue paper (Clifford's fire hat badge)
 - **Optional:** 1 4x18-inch rectangle of yellow paper (Clifford's fire hat base)
 - **Optional:** 1 6x9-inch rectangle of yellow paper (Clifford's fire hat top)

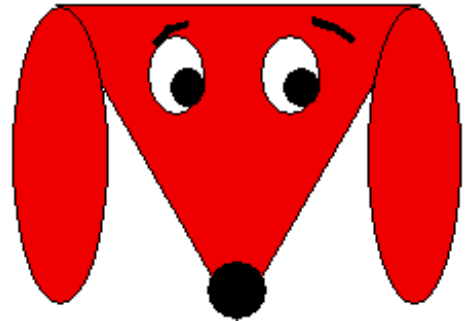
Directions

Step 1: Read *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* by Norman Bridwell.

Step 2: Discuss and list fire safety tips or rules. Write these either on chart paper or on a sheet of Clifford-shaped red paper.

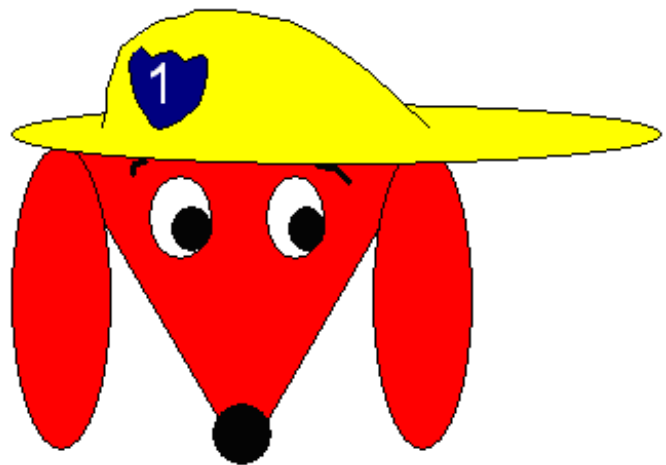
Step 3: Walk students through the following directions to make their own Clifford shape books:

1. Have the students fold a 12-inch square of red paper diagonally and leave the paper folded.
2. From the 3x6-inch rectangles the students will cut two large ovals for the ears. (See the illustration at right.)
3. Glue one end of an oval on the folded corner of the 12-inch square.
4. Glue the other oval on the opposite folded corner.
5. The students will cut small white ovals for the eyes and glue them on the large triangle.
6. The students will cut two small black circles for the irises of the eyes.
7. The students will cut a black nose for Clifford.



Optional: To add a fire hat to Clifford, follow these steps:

1. Use the 4x18-inch rectangles to cut an oval for the fire hat base.
2. Cut half a heart shape out of the 6x9-inch rectangle for the fire hat top.
3. Cut a badge shape out of the 4-inch blue paper.



Step 4: Staple writing paper inside the students' completed Clifford-shaped books. The students can decide how many pages they would like in their book.

Step 5: Help your students write and illustrate a safety tip or rule in their Clifford-shaped book.

Evaluation

- How well do the children understand fire safety rules?
- How many needed help writing?
- How well did the students follow directions to make the Clifford book?
- What was the most difficult part of this lesson?
- What was most successful?
- Was the allotted time correct?

Assess Students

Teacher observation will assess student participation in listening to the book and the students' ability to follow directions in creating a Clifford shape book. The students' ability to write at least one fire safety rule in their book can be used to evaluate individual progress.

- Part of Collection:

[Clifford the Big Red Dog](#), [Fire Safety Resource Center](#)

- Subjects:

Arts and Crafts, Main Idea and Details, Fire Safety, Literature Appreciation, Listening Comprehension, Expository Writing, Geometry, Math through Literature, Creativity and Imagination, Teacher Tips and Strategies

- Skills:

Main Idea and Details, Listening Comprehension, Expository Writing

- Duration:

1 Class Period