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Charlotte Public Schools' Child Care Focuses on Fire Safety

Charlotte Public Schools' Weymouth Child Development Center has been focusing on fire safety and prevention, in recognition of October being Fire Safety Month. One of the major activities for the entire Center was a fire safety program that was set up in the gym. There were 5 stations that children rotated through, where they were able to experience and practice skills first hand.

One station was set up as a kitchen and the children were able to hear an actual fire alarm set off. They then practiced staying low and crawling out of the "house." At another station the children practiced "stop, drop, and roll." The "What's hot, what's not" station focused on what items might be hot and should not be touched, such as fire, a hot stove, pans, curling irons, etc. And lastly, there was a station for practicing dialing 9-1-1 in the event of a fire.



To cap off the fire safety lesson, the preschoolers at Weymouth Child Development Center have a trip planned to the fire station so they can experience the fire trucks, talk with the fire fighters, and *maybe* get to see the fire house dog. Starting to expose children to these skills early is the best way to make them comfortable and competent in the event they truly have to use them.

For additional information about our programs at Charlotte Public Schools' Weymouth Child Development Center, please call (517) 541-5181.