A Life Safety **Newsletter For**

Grades 5 & 6

The Poison Meter...I'm in the Know!

Read the sentences below. Write T or F in front of the sentence. T means that you believe the statement is true. F means that you feel the statement is false. After completing the questions check your answers below. Every correct answer is worth one point. Check the points against the prevention safety meter to see where you score.

- _There are poisons everywhere—outside and inside.
- Eating something that is poisonous isn't the only way to aet hurt.
- ____You have to eat a lot of something poisonous to make you sick.
- There are poisons that make you sick if you smell or inhale them.
- _Poisons cannot make you sick if you touch them or get them on your skin.
- Poisons can make you sick if you get them in your eyes.
- _Medicine can help people get better when they are sick.
- _Taking medicine that does not belong to you can make you sick.
- 9. ____ Taking too many vitamins can make you sick.
- 10. ____Cleaners will not make you sick if you taste them or get them in your eyes.
- 11. _____Eating poison is the only way we get hurt.
- 12. Never touch, taste or smell something that could be poisonous, especially if you don't know what it is.
- 13. ____Paint can be poisonous.
- 14. ____Smelling gasoline will not make you sick.
- 15. ____ Deodorizer can help get rid of stinky smells but if you get it in your eyes it will hurt you.
- 16. ____Perfume will not make you sick if you taste or swallow it.
- 17. ____Houseplants look great and are good to eat.
- 18. _____Bedrooms are safe from things that are poisonous.
- _Always touch, taste or smell something that could be poisonous to find out what it is.
- _My home is safe from poisons. Medicines, cleaners and chemicals are stored locked away in a safe place.

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19. False 20. Bonus question 11 extra points if you answered True. 10. False 11 False 12. True 13. True 14. False 15. True 16. False 17. False 18. False

Calendar Designer

Using the April Calendar below, design your own home safety check list for poisons in your home. Select days and add additional safety messages for you and your family to follow. Be sure to decorate it, cut it out and place it on the family refrigerator to remind everyone to be extra safe with things that are poisonous.

Examples: Put away and lock up all medications. Check the kitchen for things that are poisonous and put them in a safe place. Overhaul the garage of poisonous things and put them in an out-of-the-way safe place. Talk to the family about poisons. Post Poison Control's number 1-800-222-1222 near the phone and make sure family members know what to do if someone is injured by something poisonous.

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