





Each October, during National Fire Prevention Week, members of the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department (IVFD) believe it's important to meet with youngsters to talk about fire prevention, and let the young ones become more familiar with them, as well. So, for three days during the past week, IVFD members met with youths at two preschools and Chase County Schools' kindergarten classes. The firefighters discussed causes of fire (candles, matches, lighters), calls to 911, smoke alarms, the importance of knowing their address when calling about a fire at home and setting up family meeting places in cases of emergencies. The youths in two kindergarten classes Monday afternoon seemed to enjoy most the protective equipment, which firefighters let them try on. At right, Harley Markee walks around all smiles in a pair of IVFD protective pants. Below, from left, Miles Hanes, Gunner Browning and Jayme Gittlein try on the air masks and helmets. Firefighters, above from left, Duane Todd, Dirk Hill and Troy Space tell students about their protective gear. IVFD member Todd Burpo also helped in Monday's presentations at CCS. (Republican photos)



