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Grant helps youngsters learn about burn safety

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Kindergarten students in the Marshfield School District received books and learned about fire and burn injury prevention thanks to a grant received by the Trauma Services Injury Prevention Program at Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital in Marshfield.

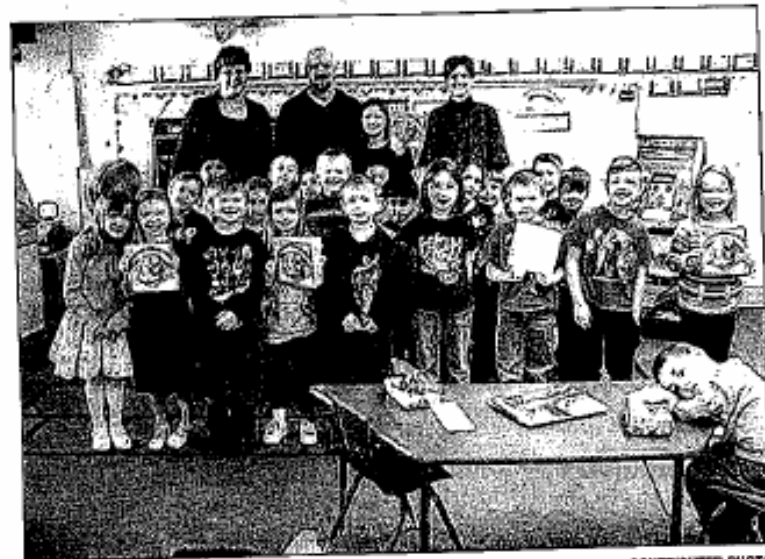
Amy Schmidt, BSN, RN, Trauma Injury Prevention coordinator, received the \$500 grant from the Wisconsin American Trauma Society. It will provide two books titled "Brecker Bunny Learns to Be Careful: A Lesson in Fire and Burn Safety" to each kindergarten class in the Marshfield School District.

During February, with Feb. 1 to 7 being National Burn

Awareness Week, the students will get a chance to take the book home for a specified time, where they can read it with their parents. They will then write a fire prevention safety tip and bring it back to school.

In addition, Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital, in partnership with Safe Kids Wood County, distributed books and materials to the remaining 37 kindergarten classes in Wood County. Combined, the program will reach nearly 960 students and their families.

To kick off the week, Schmidt and Laura Gleisner, who was burned as a 2-year-old, read the book and talked about fire and burn safety to the kindergarten classes at Lincoln Elementary School in Marshfield on Feb. 2.



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Mrs. Vehr's kindergarten class at Lincoln School poses with Amy Schmidt, back from left, Corey Gleisner, Laura Gleisner and Tyler Zastava of the Wood County Health Department.

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