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**Will you and your family be able to survive a fire in your home?
Your chances will be a lot better if you have *working* smoke alarms!**

[insert date]

Dear Families:

Your child is part of an exciting fire safety program at school. Our class will learn about smoke alarms and how to stay safe from a fire at home. For homework, they will ask you to help them find all the smoke alarms in your home and push the test buttons to see if they are working. Then your child will fill in the homework form and take it back to class.

The program we are using is called **Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol**. The program teaches children and families the different sounds a smoke alarm makes and what to do when you hear them. A loud BEEP-BEEP-BEEP sound tells you there may be a fire in your home. You and your family need to get outside fast and go to a meeting place you've picked out ahead of time. A CHIRP sound means that the smoke alarm needs a new battery or that you need to get a new alarm right away. **Sound Off** also teaches how to prevent the most common causes of home fires and how to plan and practice a home fire drill with everyone in your family.

Sound Off has free videos for children, a Storybook, and online games to make learning about fire safety fun. You can find these at **ymiclassroom.com/soundoff-families**. You can also download the free Sound Off Safety App at the App store or at **ymiclassroom.com/sound-off-app**. The App does not require internet.

Sincerely,