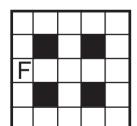


Each day, children climb aboard a big yellow school bus for a safe ride. You can help make it even

Schools and bus companies train drivers so they can avoid accidents. But you need to do your part by practicing bus safety.

- Wait quietly at the bus stop. Stay out of the road.
- When the bus arrives, let the younger children get on first. Hold the handrail when you go up or down the stairs. Go right to a seat and sit down, facing forward.
- Keep the aisles clear. Keep book bags on your lap. Ask the bus driver where to store large band instruments or sports gear. Do not block the aisles or emergency exits.
- Talk softly with your bus buddies. Do not distract the bus driver with loud shouts or screams.
- · If the bus route crosses a railroad track, be silent when the driver listens for a train.

- Never throw things in the bus or out the windows.
- Keep your hands to yourself. Fighting with others makes for a dangerous bus ride.
  - Listen to the driver.
- When you leave the bus, stay out of the "Danger Zone." Stay away from the sides of the bus where the driver cannot see you. Stay at least 10 steps away from the
- If you forget something, don't try to get back on the bus. Find an adult to get it for you.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus. Keep eye contact with the driver. If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver before you pick it up. This way the driver knows where you are.
- Never talk to strangers at the bus stop. Never get into a car with a stranger.
- Go straight home. Tell your parents if a stranger tries to talk to you or give you a ride.



Maze

**Cross Five** 

End

Help the bus driver find the way through the maze of city streets.

> Use logic to place these words in the grid: False, Needs, Reeds, Safer, Seven, Valve.



Newspaper in Education activity

1. Search through your newspaper for words you can use in a thank you letter to your bus driver. Write the letter and deliver it to your driver when you get on the bus. 2. If you don't ride the bus, write a thank you

letter to a school secretary or janitor.