

Dear 2nd or 3rd Grade Teacher,

Making It Better addresses a critical topic facing our nation today – the safety of our children. The Natrona County School District, the City of Casper and the Casper Police Department have partnered to create this resource to encourage discussion among children and their adult leaders about making smart and safe choices. By uniting our efforts to invest time and guidance in our youth, we are creating a better future for our community.

Making It Better introduces the Martin children whose mother has specifically taught them guidelines for staying safe. During the day Mikey and his sister, Leah, use these guidelines to problem solve to keep themselves safe and make their neighborhood a safer place for everyone.

This Teacher Guide provides activities that reinforce common core standards in reading, vocabulary, writing, art, mathematics, and problem solving. To provide a purpose for reading or careful listening, say to students: *As you closely listen to or read the story today, look for evidence of good choices.*

The following matrix summarizes Common Core Standards addressed in this workbook:

Common Core Standards	2–3
English Language Arts	
• Key Ideas and Details – cite evidence in close reading	x
• Phonics and Word Recognition	x
• Writing – Text Types and Purposes	x
• Production of Writing	x
• Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	x
• Spell grade level appropriate words correctly	x
Mathematics	
• Operations in Base Ten	x
Visual Art	x
Problem Solving	x

Making It Better – Answer Key

p. 3 – What Would You Do? (1) B; (2) A; (3) A; (4) B

p. 4 – Mikey’s Safety List: Check: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10

p. 5 – True or False (1) True (2) False (3) True (4) False (5) True **Who am I?** (1) Officer Nickerson
(2) Mrs. Martin (3) Leah (4) Drew (5) Mikey

p. 7 – What’s Missing? (1) 488 (2) 95 (3) 111 (4) 88 (5) 629 (6) 801

p. 8 – Write Right (1) park (2) take (3) good (4) sorry (5) better (6) hope