Pedestrian Safety for 2nd Grade

Supplies:
Script
Vocabulary Flashcards
Stop, Look, Listen and Left, Right, Left, Make Eye Contact Signs
Walk and Don't Walk Sign
Tape to create crosswalk (blue tape or masking tape)

SET UP: Tape off an intersection using the blue tape.

1. Introduction
   My name is XXXX and this is my partner XXXX. We are from the "Walk and Roll" Program. We teach kids the importance of walking and bicycling to school and other places. We also teach kids how be safe when walking and bicycling.

2. Fantastic Reasons to walk or bike to school (Ask the students what they think are good reasons to walk or bike—address the ones not given).
   - Good for the environment
   - Healthy – good exercise
   - Less traffic
   - Fun

3. Student travel tally
   Ask students how they came to school today by asking everyone to stand. As each method of travel is called, students will sit down. (Car, Carpool – may need to explain carpool as traveling with other students not in your family, Bus, Bike, Walk or other.)

4. Traffic Safety Vocabulary
   Before we start, let's review some key words**. Ask students if they know the following words and show the pictures as you discuss them**:
   - Pedestrian
   - Corner
   - Curb
   - Crosswalk
   - Intersection
   - Crossing Guard
   - Signals

5. Walk on the Sidewalk
   Students should walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, they should walk on the left side of the road facing traffic

6. Stop, Look and Listen
Show to the students the signs with the words **STOP-LOOK-LISTEN.**
These are the three important actions they must do before crossing the street.

STOP: Always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and cross at a corner or crosswalk.

LOOK: The most complicated step is LOOKING. It is important to look for traffic coming from both directions. There is a certain way you must look for traffic.
We always look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT. Let's practice.

(Hold up the LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT sign)
Help students identify their left hand. Have them make an L with their left hand.

Which way should you look for traffic. LEFT
Now which way should I look? RIGHT
Am I done? Look LEFT again

Why is left so important? Why do we look left twice?
Cars on the left are closer than traffic on the right.

MAKE EYE CONTACT: Be sure that drivers see you. They should look directly at you and look you in the eye.

Have the students practice.

LISTEN: They listen for cars, drivers honking, bells from bicycle riders, emergency vehicles (police cars, fire trucks, or paramedic cars, etc.). As they cross the street they should be looking and listening to make sure there are vehicles coming in their direction.

Students should not be crossing the street midblock. They should treat crossing the street as "busy intersections" and cross at corners or crosswalks.

7. Activity: Basics of Crossing Safely
Allow students to review and practice by doing a simulated street crossing activity.

Pair the students up and have them practice the steps using the simulated crosswalk.

We are going to practice crossing our pretend street, but before we do, we need to review some basic signs may see.

Include Walk and "Don't Walk traffic signals as training for larger intersection.
- Show the Walk vocabulary card. What does this mean?
- Show the Don't Walk vocabulary card. What does this mean?
- Other signs to review
- Green, Yellow, Red

8. Bicycle Safety

The following are a few bicycle safety tips that are important for students to know.

Appropriate attire – What should you always wear before riding your bicycle, scooter or skateboard? HELMET

-Bright, light clothing
-Never wear a hat inside the helmet
-wear shoes (not flip flops or barefoot) –always tie shoe laces
-Importance is being VISIBLE.

Where to ride (direction): always ride your bike the same way as cars do, meaning ride your bike on the right side of the road. Even if you have to ride on the sidewalk, ride your bike the same way car traffic is driving. If riding on the sidewalk, be careful of cars coming out of driveways or intersections. Treat all driveways like intersections.

Walk bike in the crosswalk: Crosswalks are meant for pedestrians to cross the street. Bicyclists should either walk their bikes through the crosswalk, or ride along with the flow of traffic on the farthest right side of the street, but to the left of the crosswalk if going straight (Imagine a bike lane getting extended through the intersection.)

9. Review

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN
LOOK LEFT –RIGHT –LEFT, MAKE EYE CONTACT
Walk with and adult
Walk on sidewalk
Walk on the left facing traffic if there is no sidewalk
Cross at the corner or crosswalk
Always wear a helmet
Ride in the same direction traffic is going
Walk bike in crosswalk