Want to be a Family Doctor?

A FUN
and Games
Learning Booklet

American Academy of Family Physicians
The doctors who specialize in you

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Dear Elementary School Student,

Thank you for asking about information from the American Academy of Family Physicians. I hope you enjoy this booklet.

Family doctors take care of all types of patients—boys and girls, men and women, babies and grandparents. Your family doctor plays a very important role in your town or city.

If you want to be a family doctor, you must make good grades in school and want to help others and work hard. When you finish elementary, junior and senior high school, you will go to college for four years. After that, you will go to medical school for four years.

When you graduate from medical school, you will have to choose the area of medicine in which to practice. This is called your specialty.

Then, you will work in a hospital or clinic setting for three to five years to get training in your specialty. To be a family doctor, you would pick family practice as your specialty.

You can talk to your school counselor to learn more about becoming a family doctor. You can also ask your own family doctor about his/her job or invite him/her to come and tell you and your classmates about becoming a doctor.

Good luck to you and enjoy learning more about medicine in this booklet!

Sincerely,

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What Is A Family Doctor?

A family doctor provides your family with complete health care. Family doctors take care of your whole family for their entire life.

Being a family doctor is challenging and rewarding. Family doctors see and treat many different patients every day. Because of this, they have to know more about many areas of medicine than any other kinds of doctors.

In school, family doctors will study many things, such as the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases that affect your

- heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and stomach
- bones, muscles, and skin
- ears, nose, throat, and eyes

and will learn about special care for women, men, babies, children, and grandparents.

Family doctors know how to treat serious and sudden illnesses and injuries, called traumas. They are able to take care of pregnant mothers and deliver their babies. Family doctors also perform some operations.

You will see your family doctor for many reasons during your lifetime because he/she specializes in YOU!

Word Puzzle

You can find the answers to the word puzzle by reading the first two pages of this booklet. When you're finished, the circled letters can be put together to make a special word!

1. A family doctor studies the bones, skin, and

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

2. After college, what kind of school do you go to?

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

3. Being a family doctor is challenging and

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

4. Every day, family doctors see and treat many different

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

5. A family doctor provides your family with complete

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

6. A trauma is a serious and sudden illness or

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

7. A family doctor takes care of boys and girls, men and women, babies and

   __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

**Special Word**

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

(Answers found on last page of this booklet)
Color the Ambulance!

Match the pictures above to the words listed below.

- stethoscope
- bandages
- prescription
- x-ray
- crutches
- thermometer
- first aid kit

(Answers found on last page of this booklet)
Color the Family Doctor and Child
Word Search

bandage
cold
cough
crutches
doctor
family practice
first aid
gauze
hospital
medicine
nurse
patient
pills
prescription
scissors
sneeze
stethoscope
stitches
surgery
thermometer
tongue depressant
xray

(Answers found on last page of this booklet)
Word Puzzle
1. muscles
2. medical
3. rewarding
4. patients
5. health
6. injury
7. grandparents
special word: medicine

Picture/Word Match
a. crutches
b. thermometer
c. first aid kit
d. bandages
e. prescription
f. stethoscope
g. xray

Word Scramble
muscles
feet
nose
arms
legs
fingers
stomach
collarbone
ankle
knee

Connect the Dots