

## STEP PROGRAM



More than 20 students in Mrs. Biesterfeld's class at Star of Bethlehem School in New Berlin have learned how to prepare for a disaster emergency. The students participated in S.T.E.P. or Student Tools for Emergency Planning, a program sponsored by the New Berlin Emergency Management Department, with cooperation from Wisconsin Emergency Management. The program teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders how to be prepared for various disasters and emergencies, including tornados, flooding and storms. STEP encourages students to share the information they learn with their families and develop a family emergency plan. Along with this knowledge, each student takes home a starter emergency kit. These students are the first class in eastern Waukesha County and New Berlin to have completed this preparedness class. Because this program receives support from an AT&T Innovation & Investment Award, a grant from Walgreens and the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation no New Berlin tax dollars were needed to support this program.