Friendly Faces

There are many helpful workers in your community. You see their friendly faces in many places. Weekly Reader kids voted for their favorites. Check out the top five below.

Kids Voted

Second graders from the Audubon Elementary School in New York City voted in our kids' choice issue. Police officers were the winners in this class.

1. Police Officer

Police officers help keep the community safe. They make sure people follow laws. Police officers wear a badge and a hat. They also carry a walkie-talkie.

2. Doctor

Doctors treat sick people to help them get better. Doctors also help people stay healthy. A person needs to study for many years to become a doctor. Different kinds of doctors care for different parts of the body.

3. Firefighter

Firefighters help protect people from fires. They also help during car accidents. Some firefighters are paid, and others are volunteers. A volunteer does a similar job but does not get paid for his or her work.
4. Teacher

Teachers help students learn in school. Different teachers work with students of all ages in many types of schools. Some teachers help kids in only one subject, such as math, and others teach many subjects.

5. Construction Worker

Construction workers help make houses, roads and bridges. They also repair broken things, such as sidewalks and water pipes. Construction workers wear safety gear, such as hard hats to keep them safe at work.

2 repair: to put back in good condition
“Friendly Faces” Questions

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   b. rich.
   c. mean.
   d. funny.

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   b. fantastic equipment for fighting fires.
   c. dedication to the community.
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   Answers will vary. Students should write about another occupation
   and the purpose of that occupation.

   Suggested Additional Vocabulary: gear