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USING **Kid Scoop** AND THE NEWSPAPER IN YOUR CLASSROOM

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WEEKLY WRITING CORNER

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Deadline: December 4, 2011
Published: Week of Jan. 1

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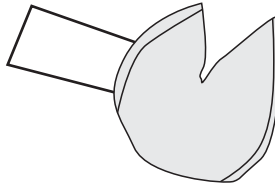
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KID SCOOP FINANCIAL LITERACY SERIES: BUDGETING

This week, Kid Scoop meets the Spend More Than Ya Got bug. It's a dangerous bug that often appears at this time of year. But have no fear, Kid Scoop has the solution — a budget!



WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2011

SEND A LETTER

In the 1860s Pony Express riders raced across the countryside carrying the mail to link the east to the west. Writing a letter is an important way to communicate. This week, Kid Scoop shows you step by step how to write a letter and address an envelope.



WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2011

CHRISTMAS/PEACE

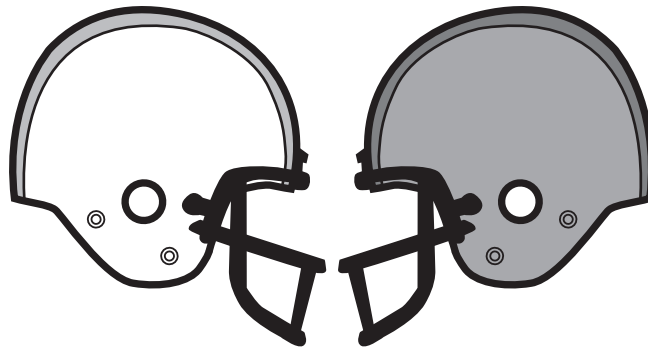
The hope for peace is part of many of the holiday wishes this time of year. This week Kid Scoop publishes children's poems and writings on the topic of peace. Use these to prompt writing and discussions in your classroom or home.



WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2011

BOWL GAMES

Kid Scoop gets the *who*, *what*, *when* and *where* about college football bowl games in this fun-filled page packed with brain teasers and geography-based puzzles.



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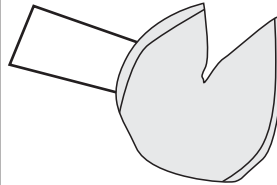
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