

Pack your bags for a

Reading Vacation

Reading during the summer is a great way to relax and have fun, especially when you read the newspaper!

Stay Ahead With Reading

Look at the front page of the newspaper. Look at all the words in the headlines. Circle all the words you know. Cut out the words and use them to make new sentences.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Group related words and ideas to maintain a focus.

Talking Pictures

Cut out pictures from the newspaper. Paste the pictures on paper and write words for the people, animals, or things to say. Draw “talking bubbles” around the words to create picture comics.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Analyze text in an organized or sequential way.

Contraction Action

Look through the newspaper for five different contractions — two words that are crammed into one. For example, **can** and **not** combined into **can't**. Then look through the newspaper for the two words that make each contraction you select.

Standards Link: Reading: Word Analysis: Understand the use and formation of contractions.

 To order newspapers for your classroom, call:

Kid Scoop is here to inspire reading, learning and writing. And we can save teachers' time! We create a writing prompt to go with the topic of each page. They are easy, quick and fun—great to use for a daily writing activity.

Let your publisher know your students are writing responses to the prompts. Ask if they would publish some student stories.

GUIDELINES

1. Keep length between 50 and 100 words.
2. Follow directions for the topic. Creativity is great, but is the entry on topic?
3. Make sure writing is legible.
4. Add students' name, school and grade.
5. Screen for appropriateness.

WEEKLY WRITING PROMPTS

My Invention

If you could invent something new and different, what would it be? Describe your invention, what it does and why it is useful.

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That's Strange!

What is one of the strangest things you have ever heard about? Write about it and share it with a friend or family member.

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What I Like to Collect

What do you like to collect and why? Describe your collection.

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What makes a best friend?

Write about the things that make a best friend special.

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How does lead get into a pencil?

Describe how you think this is done.

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WEEK OF JULY 5

FUN TIMES WITH CHALK

Grab some chalk and go outside to play some fun games! *Kid Scoop* shows you how.

WEEK OF JULY 12

CAN YOU SET A RECORD?

Some world records are about being the fastest or the strongest. But a lot of world records are pretty weird! Try these activities with a friend to see who can set the record! Ideas: Longest domino trail, tallest tower of stacked coins. *Kid Scoop* gives a record-breaking number of ideas.

WEEK OF JULY 19

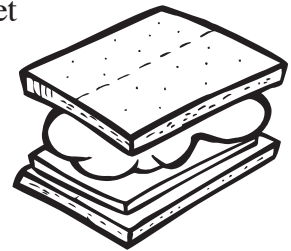
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Ugh. Sometimes waiting is hard to do. This week, *Kid Scoop* uses puzzles and games on the topic of waiting. A great way to start a discussion about patience while having fun.

WEEK OF JULY 26

S'MORES

S'mores are a favorite campsite treat. This week, *Kid Scoop* takes a closer look at this sticky, gooey, sweet treat and challenges readers to come up with new and different s'more recipes.



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