

Summertime Fun with the NEWSPAPER!

Summer is a time for exploring, dreaming, and playing. All these activities can happen with the newspaper. Take your students on one or more of these fun and (don't tell them) educational activities.

Palindromes

Search through the newspaper for numbers that are palindromes. A palindrome is a word, phrase, or number that remains the same when written backward or forward. The number 656 is a palindrome.

If a student can't find a palindrome number in the newspaper, then create one.

1. Take any three-digit number, reverse the digits and add the numbers together. For example, to find the palindrome of 369, add 963 to it.
2. This equals 1,332 which is not a palindrome.
3. Next add its reverse, 2331, to 1,332. This equals 3,663, which is a palindrome.
4. Try it with other three-digit numbers found in the newspaper.

Newspaper Pie

1. Have students work in pairs to find and cut out each the following letters from newspaper headlines:
P R P S W P P N S E A E
2. Have students glue the letters onto card made of lightweight cardboard or index cards.
3. Give students ten minutes to rearrange the letters into new words.
4. A special award can be given to the students using all 10 letters, which spell the word "newspapers."

 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

Master Chef

It would be so silly if a refrigerator could ...

Finish this story.

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Summer Songs

Write a song about summer that can be sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

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Toon Opinion

What is your favorite cartoon or animation? Give three reasons why it is your favorite.

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Clay Creature

I molded a silly creature out of clay one day, when suddenly it came to life ...

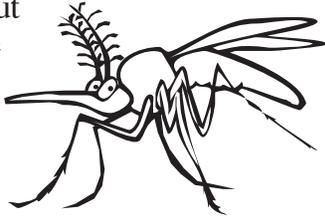
Finish this story.

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WEEK OF JUNE 1

MOSQUITOS

Why is it important to tell a female mosquito from a male? Why do mosquito bites itch? Which insect likes to eat mosquitos? Find out the answer to these questions and more on the *Kid Scoop* Mosquitos page!



WEEK OF JUNE 8

FATHER'S DAY
AND FLAG DAY

Civics and history. This week we look at the history of the American flag, which was finished on what we now celebrate as Flag Day. Father's Day is also around this time, so we provide an easy to make Father's Day gift idea.

WEEK OF JUNE 15

SUMMER
JOURNALING

Creating a journal of summer memories and sketches is something your students will treasure for years to come. *Kid Scoop* provides ideas and inspiration for children to create the book about their lives.

WEEK OF JUNE 22

GET CREATIVE
WITH COLLAGES

Kid Scoop shows children how to use things found around the house and neighborhood to create art. Tips for making collages from a famous collage artist included!

WEEK OF JUNE 29

CELEBRATE 4TH OF JULY:
CREATE A PARADE!

A summer of creative fun continues as *Kid Scoop* provides kids with ideas on how to make their own 4th of July Parade. They can surprise their family and friends with an entertaining show.

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