

March 2017 Newsletter



ENCOURAGING YOUNG READERS

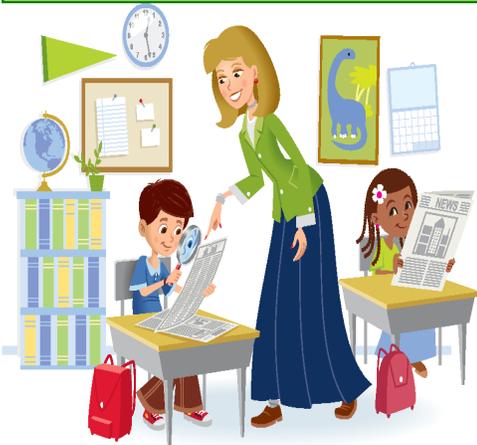
NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK

NIE Week March 6-10

Newspaper In Education Week is celebrated annually the first full school week in March. For NIE Week 2017, Charleston Newspapers NIE will be adding a link to our webpage giving teachers access to a language arts and journalism curriculum guide called, *“High Five”*. This curriculum has been updated to include standardized lesson plans which include common core standards, technology standards, leveled activities and assessments. To view go to cnpapers.com/nie.

To receive newspapers for your classroom, contact Rachel Carpenter at (304) 348-7906 or rachel.carpenter@cnpapers.com.

NIE Week Newspaper Activities



Newspaper In Education Week is a great time to motivate your students and enhance basic skills with a variety of newspaper related activities.

- Talk about the roles of a newspaper: to inform, protect, influence, and entertain. Have students demonstrate understanding by finding stories, photos, and information that would fall under each of these important roles.
- Ask students to find a newspaper story featuring an interview with a prominent person. Have them ana-

lyze the answers and determine the questions the reporter might have asked.

- Engage students in a discussion about the things they like to read in the newspaper. Then ask them to find stories, pictures, advertisements, and other features that relate to their interests.
- Have your class create a current events bulletin board display featuring newspaper stories and pictures that are relevant to students or the local area.

Use the News

The following ideas can be used over and over again on different news days having different results.

- In today's newspaper, choose a national news article that affects you. What impact will this have on your community, family and you?
- Choose someone in the news today. Write five facts about this person without using his/her name. Ask your class to identify the newsmaker as you read your facts aloud.
- Select a news story you enjoyed reading in today's newspaper. Write the answers to the 5 W's. Now write an E-Mail message of no more than 15 words to a friend telling the main idea.
- Choose a topic from a continuing story. Make a weekly journal to summarize an article related to your topic. Be prepared to serve as the class expert on your topic.
- Look for newspaper stories, editorials, and cartoons in which someone

criticizes a government official, agency, or policy. Discuss the ways in which each story or editorial comment might be different if not for the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

- With a partner select three headlines to present to the class. As a class categorize each as good/bad/neutral news. Discuss your classification. Report your data on a graph.
- Create the profile of a good citizen by listing appropriate character traits displayed by people in the news. List six or more traits and the people from whom you have selected them.
- Today's news is tomorrow's history. Your history book will have four chapters: *local*, *state*, *national* and *world*. Record the headlines (from today's newspaper) of the major

events you would include in each section. Be ready to give an explanation for each choice.



- Select a news story involving conflict from today's newspaper. Define the problem. From your knowledge of the situation, predict the final outcome. Write your prediction on an index card to file with your teacher. Compare your prediction with the final outcome.

7 Reasons Why Children & Adults Should Read the Newspaper

Research continues to show that people who read newspapers every day:

- Vote in every election



- Have higher incomes
 - Are 4 times less likely to have a police record
 - Are 10 times more likely to volunteer in their community
 - Have children who excel in school and go to college
 - Are great conversationalists
 - And are a lot of fun to be around!!!
- (Statistics from Jones Media 2010)

Tips for Teachers

Do you have tips for teaching with the newspaper you think would help other teachers? Email the tips with your name and school's name to rachel.carpenter@cnpapers.com. They may be included in an upcoming newsletter and on the NIE website!

For NIE Activities go to www.nieteacher.org/cnpapersnie/