

Brighten Your Holidays with Newspaper Lessons

What is the gift that keeps on giving? Lessons that get children excited about learning! Where do you find lessons that are fun for children and promote reading, writing and math skills? Just open your local newspaper!

Holiday Counting Book

Make a holiday counting book. If you already know how to count, make the book for a younger student. Find and cut out holiday pictures. Glue them onto pages in groups of 1 to 10.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Gift of Graphing

Have each student count the number of news stories on one page of the newspaper. Now count the number of ads on the same page. Make a graph showing the ratio of ads to news stories on different pages of the newspaper.

Standards Link: Math: Data Analysis: Represent data in bar graphs or charts.

Sell Your Toys

Do you have toys around the house that you no longer need or play with? Perhaps you could sell them. Write a classified ad to sell one or more of your toys. Look in the classified ad section to find out how much it would cost to publish your ad. How could you shorten your ad and cut your costs?

Standards Link: Language Arts/Writing: Write brief expository descriptions of an object with details; Math: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

 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

I Make a Difference!

Tell about how you make a difference in someone's life in your family, at school or in your community.

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Winter Words

Make a list of words that make you think of winter. Use these words to write a short poem or a descriptive paragraph.

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Real Math

Look for numbers in the newspaper. Use these numbers to make a math problem.

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What's your scoop?

Write a sentence or short paragraph that tells the who, what, when and where of some news happening in your school.

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

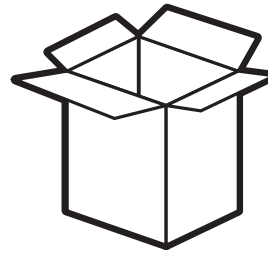
HOLIDAY SCIENCE



December is full of exciting holiday traditions and some of them are great opportunities to teach a little science. *Kid Scoop* brings some festive fun for young readers.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

SEASON OF GIVING



Just in time for the season of giving, *Kid Scoop* looks at ways kids can give to others in meaningful ways without spending money.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

THE BEAUTY OF BLUBBER

Some places are very cold in the winter. Icy winds blow. Water freezes and snow covers the ground. What do animals do to survive these freezing months?



WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



This week *Kid Scoop* looks at how people around the world celebrate Christmas.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

HAPPY SILLY NEW YEAR!

This week, *Kid Scoop* gets SILLY with Silly games and activities that also exercise your brain.

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