

A Cornucopia of Learning

The cornucopia, a horn filled to the brim with fruits and vegetables, is a symbol of abundance from classical mythology. Like cornucopias, newspapers are filled to the brim with learning opportunities for your students!

Pilgrim Poetry

Have students clip letters from the newspaper to spell a Thanksgiving word such as PILGRIM. Glue the letters vertically on a sheet of paper and write one line per letter to describe Thanksgiving.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write descriptions to present uniformed impressions of experiences and things.

Thank You

Using pictures or words from your newspaper, have students clip seven examples of things he or she is thankful for. Draw or trace a cornucopia on a piece of paper. Have students glue their examples in the cornucopia in ABC order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Community Heroes

Every day, people in your community do things that help others. Look through the newspaper to see how many community heroes you can find. Cut out pictures and words about these heroes and make a "Thank You" poster. Display it where other students can see it.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand the people in the community who make a difference in everyday lives.

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

Holiday Jokes and Riddles

- Send us your favorite holiday jokes and riddles.
 - **Published:** Week of December 1

Money-Free Gifts

- What can you give someone that
- doesn't cost any money?
 - Published: Week of December 8

Wonderful Wiggly Walrus

- Alliteration is when you use the same letter to start every word in
- a sentence. Send us your own
- alliterations.
- Published: Week of December 15

Your Family Tradition

What is your favorite family holiday tradition?

Published: Week of December 22

Let's Get Silly!

How would you like to get silly in the New Year? What silly things would you do?

Published: Week of December 29





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TOPICS



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3

MEET THE BIRDS THAT CAN'T FLY

This week, *Kid Scoop* explores the world of flightless birds. Why don't they fly?



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10

THE GIFT OF READING

Reading everyday improves reading skills! But what if you can't find anything to read? *Kid Scoop* shows you how to read for fun and play reading games with a simple, inexpensive material that can be found many places.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17

SPORTS SURPRISE!

This week, *Kid Scoop* gets the scoop on some sports you may have never heard of and some athletes who surprised the world with their successes.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Celebrate Thanksgiving with puzzles and games and some ideas on how to learn more about your family and friends!



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