

Elementary Language Arts Activities

1. From your newspaper, cut out the letters you would need to spell out your first and last names. Paste them on a piece of paper.
2. Listen to the teacher read the information describing a picture in the newspaper and then tell the who, what, when, where, why and how.
3. Look through the newspaper and cut out words that describe you. Paste them on a silhouette of yourself. How are the words you chose like those of other students in the class? How are they different?
4. In a feature story, underline as many nouns as you can find, and circle the action verbs.
5. Find 25 compound words in the newspaper and divide them into their parts.
6. After listening to your teacher read a newspaper story out loud, list as many facts as you can remember.
7. Find three examples of facts and three examples of opinions in your newspaper. Discuss how they are different and where you would generally find opinions.
8. Keep a notebook of new and unfamiliar words that you find in your newspaper reading. Clip them out, paste them in your notebook and write the definition next to each word.

Elementary Social Studies Activities

1. Scan the newspaper to find words and pictures that describe your hometown. Cut these from the newspaper and create a collage with them.
2. Make a large map of your town and put it on a bulletin board. Cut the names or logos of stores you find in the newspaper and put them in their correct location on the map.

3. Have a race through the newspaper to find as many geographical words as you can such as: hill, river, lake, plateau, etc. Find examples of as many of them as you can on a map of your state.
4. Find an article in your newspaper that includes an interview with someone. Write a list of characteristics of a good interview. Prepare the questions you would use to interview a person from history such as George Washington.
5. Have your students create a list of sections that appear in the newspaper: weather, news, advertising, sports, etc. Ask them to create a newspaper for a period of history they are currently studying.
6. Ask your students to find information about state officials in your newspaper. Use the articles to create a chart showing how state government works.

Elementary Mathematics Activities

1. Look for numbers that are the same size and cut them from the newspaper. Use the numbers to create a clock face. Practice telling time using this clock.
2. Look through your newspaper to find the following shapes: squares, circles, rectangles, triangles, ovals and cylinders. Use a marker to trace the outline of each shape.
3. Pretend you were just given \$100 to purchase 10 things you find in the newspaper. Circle the 10 items in the newspaper and calculate the total price. Who can come the closest to spending \$100 without going over that amount?
4. Search the food ads in your newspaper and find something that is sold by the pound. How much would it cost if you bought three pounds? How much for just one-half pound?
5. Find 10 even numbers in this week's newspaper. Find 10 odd numbers.

6. Find a recipe in the newspaper that sounds good to you. Determine what the recipe would be if you wanted only half the amount as in the original.
7. Weather highs and lows. Examine the weather forecast for your area. Create a graph for several weeks showing the high temperature predicted for each day.

Elementary Science, Health and Safety Activities

1. Have a safety lesson and go through the newspaper and cutout ten things that can be dangerous if used incorrectly like knives, spray cans, tools, etc. Make a safety poster for the items you found.
2. Cut out newspaper pictures of different forms of weather you may be studying. Mount them on posters and label them as clouds, storms, rain, snow, etc.
3. Find an article about a fire in your town. Create a poster stressing fire safety.
4. Find photos and stories about pets. Create a notebook called “Taking Care of Pets.”
5. Create a machine that you think would save energy. Write a news story telling about you invention.
6. Give each student a paper plate. Ask them to find pictures to paste on the plate that would create a healthy meal. Stress good nutrition.