

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Hispanic Heritage Month Learn more about the customs of various Hispanic countries from resource materials. Write a feature article about the customs of one country for the newspaper.</p>	<p>1 Labor Day Labor Day is a day to rest from your labors. Use the newspaper to plan a day of leisure activities for your family. Calculate the cost of your leisure day.</p>	<p>2 Comic strips are like little plays. Students can practice reading aloud with expression by reading the dialogue in the comics. Assign parts and read the comics aloud in class.</p>	<p>3 "Mini Page" Activities In "Elephant Rehab Centers," learn more about a sanctuary for old or abused elephants.</p>	<p>4 Look for estimates in the newspaper. Often headlines and stories will estimate numbers when the exact number is not known. How many estimates did you find?</p>	<p>5 Use the "Click" in today's paper to calculate the percentage of television shows that are religious, educational, humorous, sports or informative.</p>	<p>6 Clip pictures from the newspaper of things that use electricity. Glue your pictures to the outline of a house in the room in which you would use the appliance.</p>
<p>7 Find 5 pairs of rhyming words in the newspaper. Make newspaper headlines using the rhyming words.</p>	<p>8 Make a mark on each news article in the newspaper in a different color for local, state, national and international articles. Which location had the most articles?</p>	<p>9 Select a story from the newspaper and find the nouns. Underline the people, places and things in different colors. (Then try verbs, etc.)</p>	<p>10 "Mini Page" Activities There's a lot of science at the NASCAR track. Learn more about how science drives the track in "The Physics of NASCAR."</p>	<p>11 Identify articles that include numbers representing relationships of less than, equal to or greater than.</p>	<p>12 Create a rubric for grading a news article using a 1 to 5 scale. Use some of these categories. Is the article well-organized, fair, have supporting details and good closing?</p>	<p>13 After reading the newspaper for a week, write a letter to a business or industry not presently in our area. Persuade the business to move here. Focus on the good news.</p>
<p>14 This week find newspaper editorials that are written to: inform, interpret, entertain or persuade the reader. Make a scrapbook of your findings.</p>	<p>15 Find articles in the newspaper that deal with human rights abuses. How is our president, our congress or other group dealing with these human rights abuses?</p>	<p>16 Prepare for Constitution Day tomorrow by finding examples in the newspaper of uses and abuses of the "Bill of Rights." Make a collage of uses and one of abuses.</p>	<p>17 "Mini Page" Activities In "Book Honor Awards," learn more about the current Newbery and Caldecott winners. Constitution Day</p>	<p>18 Find ads or photos that incorporate aspects of simple machines: levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wedges and screws. Also look for compound machines.</p>	<p>19 Scan the newspaper for a week and name some of the beats of the local reporters. If you were a reporter, what beat would you like to cover and why?</p>	<p>20 Find items in the newspaper that illustrate the concept of size: larger, smaller, taller, shorter, and more. Paste them on a piece of paper and label them.</p>
<p>21 Prepare for the first day of fall by clipping pictures and words from the newspaper of things that remind you of fall. Make sure to clip the letters "F-A-L-L" for a collage.</p>	<p>22 First Day of Fall Make a "FALL" collage of words and pictures clipped from the Sunday and Monday newspapers. Share your collage with your family or class.</p>	<p>23 Rewrite 5 headlines using synonyms for nouns or verbs. Then rewrite the headlines using antonyms and homonyms for nouns and verbs to change the meanings.</p>	<p>24 "Mini Page" Activities Find out how students and parents can react to and avoid "Bullying" situations by reading interviews with experts about bullying.</p>	<p>25 According to the index, on what pages are the following found: classified ads, sports, editorials, local news, comics, movie listings, weather and the crossword puzzle?</p>	<p>26 Clip unfamiliar words from the newspaper and deposit into a word box. Open the box once a week, define the words and use them in a sentence.</p>	<p>27 In 1 article, underline all the words that contain root words. Circle the root word and define the root plus word any prefixes or suffixes.</p>
<p>28 Find an article about an advance in science or medicine this week. What scientific information is provided? How is the information helpful to individuals?</p>	<p>29 Calculate the area of the advertisements on one inside page of the newspaper. What percentage of the page is used for advertisements?</p>	<p>30 Read a news article from the newspaper and answer the "5 W's" questions of who, what, when, where and why (and how) of the story.</p>				