

Additional Elementary Ideas



- **Who's in the News? Would you like to be in their shoes?** Collect pictures of people in the news. Discuss why they're newsworthy. Dictate or write stories telling whether or not you'd like to be in their shoes.
- **Everybody has feelings.** Classify newspaper photographs by the emotions people pictured exhibit.
- **Sakes alive!** Divide a sheet of paper in half. Locate and clip pictures of living and nonliving things from the newspaper. On one side of the page glue pictures of living things. On the other, glue pictures of nonliving things.
- **Shape up with the news.** Look through the newspaper to locate circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. Trace these with a crayon. Collect them on a shape chart.
- **Create a creature.** Circle and connect the letters of the alphabet in order with a crayon or marker and decide what kind of creature you created. Write or dictate a story about your creature.
- **Where in the world?** Post photographs and stories around the U.S. or world map and use yarn to connect them to their location on the map.
- **Super scrapbooks** Decide on a topic and collect pictures and stories that tell about it. Collect them in a composition book. Animals, seasons, transportation, sports...the newspaper is full of news about everything!
- **Tasty treats!** Glue food pictures on paper plates for a pretend picnic. Talk about the four food groups and planning well-balanced meals. Name the foods and let the children discuss whether they like the foods or not.
- **Phone fun** Cut out a paper telephone and have the teacher write your name and phone number on it. Cut out numbers from the newspaper to match your phone number and glue them on.
- **Remember my name.** Find a news story about a famous person. Circle the name in the headline and see how many times you can locate the name in the story. Circle the name every time it appears.
- **Coupon capers** Clip coupons from the newspaper and stack them in piles according to groups such as food, cleaning products or paper goods.
- **What's in a name?** Cut letters from the newspaper to make your name and names of family members.
- **Picture this!** Find an interesting photograph in the newspaper. Draw a picture or write a paragraph illustrating what might have happened before the picture was taken, and what probably happened afterwards.
- **What do you say, dear?** Pick a newspaper photograph with two or more people pictured. Write an imaginary conversation that could be going on.
- **Create a collage.** Make a collage of all the words and pictures beginning with a specific letter.