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Craft ideas for re-using newspapers.



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# SPYGLASS

A. Loosely roll a double sheet of newspaper from the short side.



B. While holding the roll, reach inside and gently pull and spread the paper to form a cone.



C. Fold over the edge of the cone to even the edge.



D. Tape and secure the spyglass form.





# HAWAIIAN LEI

A. Cut newsprint into 12 in. squares.



B. Crumple each square into a ball.



C. Using darning needle threaded with strong string, poke through each crumpled ball and thread onto the string to form a long necklace.



D. When the desired length is reached, remove the needle and tie the ends of the string together.

E. Paint to resemble flowers.



# GRASS SKIRT

A. For the waistband, fold a double sheet of newspaper lengthwise six times.



B. For the skirt fold another double sheet along the crease (or two double sheets taped at the short end if a larger skirt is required.)

C. Glue and staple the waistband over the sheet at the fold as shown. Paint the outside sheet a grass color if desired.



D. When dry, make one-inch cuts from the bottom edge of the skirt to within one inch of the waistband as shown.

E. Punch a hole in each end of the waistband.



F. Thread a string through each hole and knot the string on the inside, leaving a length on the outside to tie.

G. Wrap the skirt around the waist. Tie the waistband.



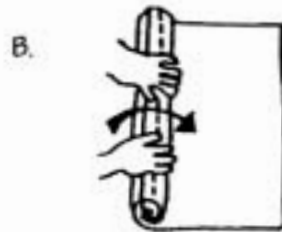


# PALM TREE

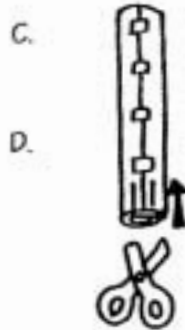
- A. Spread out three double sheets of newspaper with the edges overlapping.



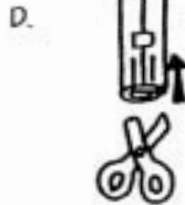
- B. Roll tightly from one short end, feeding each new sheet into the roll as you come to it.



- C. Tape closed.



- D. Make six cuts six inches long in one end of the tube as shown.



- E. Take hold of the fringe in the center of the tube at the cut end and pull carefully.

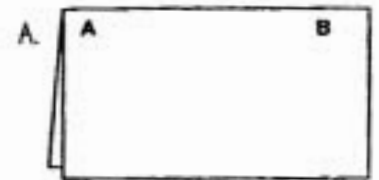


# PIRATE HAT

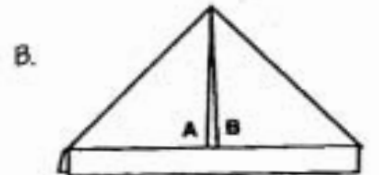
Make a pirate hat. It's easy. You will need one full newspaper page and a stapler or some tape. You may want to decorate your finished hat with crayons, paint or colored paper.



- A. Place a four-page section of the newspaper on the table with the fold away from you.



- B. Fold corners A and B to meet at the center.



- C. Fold up the bottom edges.



- D. (Optional: Staple, tape or fold over each of the outside corners, C and D.)



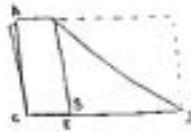
# PEOPLE OF THE WORLD



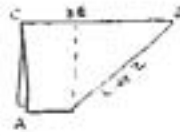
A. Get a double sheet of newsprint and fold in half, with the main fold on the bottom.



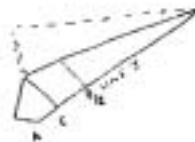
B. Fold corner "B" down to "E".



C. Turn page over, with the main fold now on top.



D. Fold corner "C" and "BC" down to Line "Z".



E. Turn so "D" is at bottom, and your results look something like a cone.



F. Draw a figure as below. Cut along the lines.



E. Open it up. It should look something like this:



# NEWSPAPER ROSE OR BOUTONNIERE



A. Cut seven hearts from newspaper (color on one or two petals adds a nice touch).

B. Roll the rounded upper edges of each petal outward around a pencil and "scrunch" the ends toward the middle with your fingers.

C. Curl the bottom of the first petal around your finger or a pencil, with the upper edge curl facing away from your finger; and tape, staple or hold the bottom.

D. Add the remaining petals one at a time, staggering them as they are added.

E. Tape and/or staple the bottom when finished and tie with a colorful bow.





# A LITTLE BOY'S HAT STORY

Once upon a time, there was a very curious boy. One day he decided to go outside and play. However, it was raining and his mother had said he was definitely not to get wet. So he looked around until he found the newspaper. Folding it just so... he made it into a rainhat. Outside he went to play with no fear of getting wet.

While he was outside exploring, he heard the fire engine siren. Being curious -- and helpful, too, he decided to find the fire and offer his services. The firemen were very pleased by his offer, but told him that he could not help because he didn't have a fireman's hat to protect him. That was no problem, however. The boy took the rainhat into a fireman's hat. He stayed with the firemen, helping in every way he could, until the fire was out. The firemen all thanked him warmly, and then off he went. There were more things to explore, for after all, he was curious little boy.

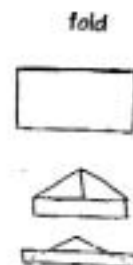
The boy wandered along until he came to the beach. Not very far away he saw some interesting people that he decided were pirates. They were dressed in colorful clothing, and they were all wearing hats. He walked up to the biggest pirate of them all and announced his wish to be a pirate with them. "Ha!" said the pirate. "You cannot join our band because you do not have a pirate hat."

"That's no problem," said the boy. With one small fold, just so... he had a pirate hat. When the pirate leader saw the boy's hat, he invited him to go with them to sea right at that moment. So off they sailed. They sailed for a long time, it seemed to the boy. In fact, it began to get very late, and he knew his mother would be worried. When he made the suggestion that the boat be turned back toward shore, all he got was a big pirate "Ho, ho, ho!" The pirates had too much to do to take the boy home. But that was no problem. He had a plan. With a few minor adjustments, just so... the pirate hat became a boat.

Off sailed the boy toward home. He was making good time with the brisk winds when he realized a storm was brewing. The lightning began to flash and the seas began to swell. The boat was too small to be sailing in the choppy water. But, still the boy was prepared. With a few quick tears, just so... the boat, pirate hat, fireman hat, rainhat, became a life preserver and carried him safely home.

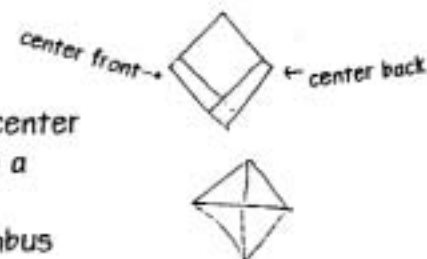
## I. Rain Hat

- Place newspaper with fold at top
- Fold left top corner to center line
- Repeat with right top corner
- Fold up lower edge of top sheet over base of triangle
- Turn newspaper over and fold bottom sheet to same depth as front



## II. Fireman's Hat

- Grasp at center front and center back and pull apart to form a rhombus
- Fold up front to top of rhombus



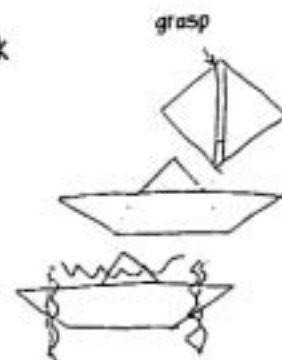
## III. Pirate's Hat

- Fold up back of rhombus to top
- Now for the tricky part



## IV. Boat

- Grasp new center front and back and pull in opposite directions
- Smash flat (It should look like a rhombus again)
- Grasp each fold at top and pull open and downward



## V. Life Preserver

- Tear off front of boat
- Tear off back of boat
- Tear off center of boat
- Open remaining piece of paper



# PARTY HAT



- A. Gather a small handful of newspaper trimmings. Tape them together to form a pom pom. (Trim if you want it shorter.)



- B. Tape the pom pom to the middle of a sheet of newspaper.



You may ignore the newspaper pom pom instructions and glue a yarn pom pom to the top of your completed hat, if you wish

- C. Roll the newspaper into a cone, with the pom pom at the pointed end. Tape in place.



- D. Cut the uneven edges off the bottom of the hat.

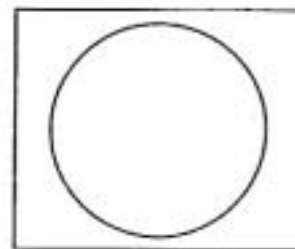


- E. Tape a piece of string (or curling ribbon) to the inside of each side of the hat. Gently tie under the chin.



# DAMSEL HAT

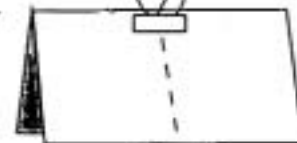
- A. Cut a large circle out of a newspaper ad or sheet of paper.
- B. Starting at the outside, cut the circle in a spiral pattern.



- C. Repeat steps one and two until you have made 2 or 3 streamers out of circles. Or, if you have good scissors, cut several layers at a time.



- D. Tape the streamers to the middle of a sheet of newspaper.



- E. Roll the newspaper into a cone, with the streamers at the pointed end. Tape in place.



- F. Cut the uneven edges off the bottom of the hat.



- G. Tape a piece of string or ribbon to the inside of each side of the hat. Gently tie under the chin.



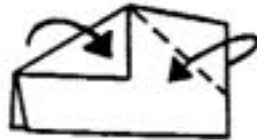
# PRESSMAN'S HAT



A. Start with fold at top of newspaper.



B. Fold top corners down to meet center.



C. Fold up edge of top sheet only to meet bottom of triangles.



D. Fold the same sheet up again to form the hat band.



E. Turn the hat over and fold left and right sides in to meet at center.



F. Fold bottom corners up to meet base of hat band.



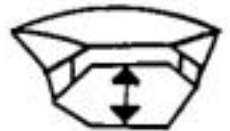
G. Fold whole flap up and tuck into hat band.



H. Fold peak down to bottom of hat and tuck into band.



I. Open up hat.



J. Flatten top by squaring opening and creasing to form two peaks at top.



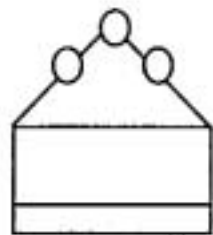
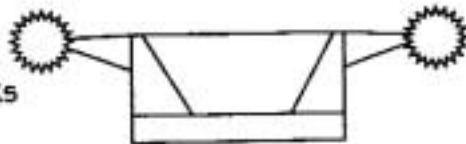
K. Tuck peaks into hat band.



The following hats are slight variations of the pressman's hat:

## SNOWBOARDER

Complete the pressman's hat through step "J." Leave the peaks out and decorate them with pom poms (or any other idea you have - for snowboarders, the more zany it is, the better it is). Wear the hat sideways, so the peaks are above your ears.

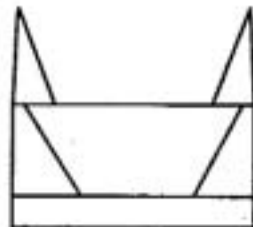


## PRINCESS

Complete the pressman's hat through step "J." Tuck one peak into the hat band. Fold the other peak straight up to create the look of a tiara. Decorate with craft store jewels, or "jewels" cut from color ads.

## BATMAN

Complete the pressman's hat through step "J." Instead of tucking peaks into hat band, fold both peaks up to create pointed bat ears.



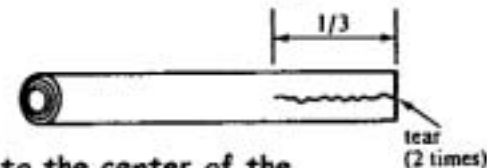
# CORNSTALKS

(Or Eucalyptus Trees, Fir Trees, Swords, or whatever else you might call them!)

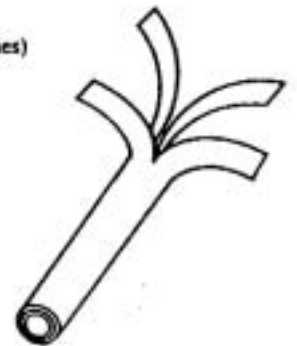
- A. Start with 5 large sheets of newspaper. Overlap each sheet so that it covers about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the previous sheet. Roll the sheets up, making sure that they are even.



- B. Flatten the roll at one end, and make a tear one-third to one-half of the way down the roll. Flatten the end once more so the tears are at the edges, and tear down the middle again, one-third to one-half of the way down the roll. You should have four equidistant tears down the roll.



- C. Reach into the center of the roll at the torn end and pull out the inner rolls carefully, telescoping the roll.



- D. Shake out the cornstalk and staple or tape the bottom end.

- E. Stand it in a bucket. Or, for a cornfield or a forest, attach the stalks to each other or to a wall.







# NEWSPAPER KITE

## MATERIALS:

- One full sheet of your favorite newspaper
- Two 1/8" x 16" dowels
- A roll of masking tape
- A roll of 8-lb. Cotton line and a kite spool
- Scissors, magic markers, yardstick, darning needle, and a smooth cutting surface.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Gather all of the above materials. Make a pattern for the kite from the illustration. Cut out the kite. To strengthen the edges of the kite, reinforce them with a binding of tape.

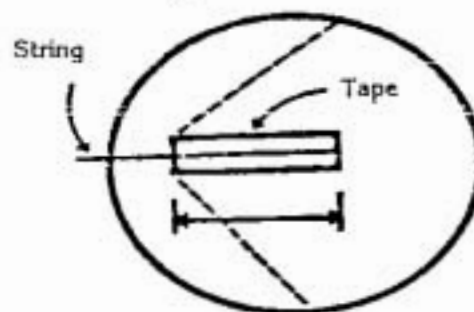
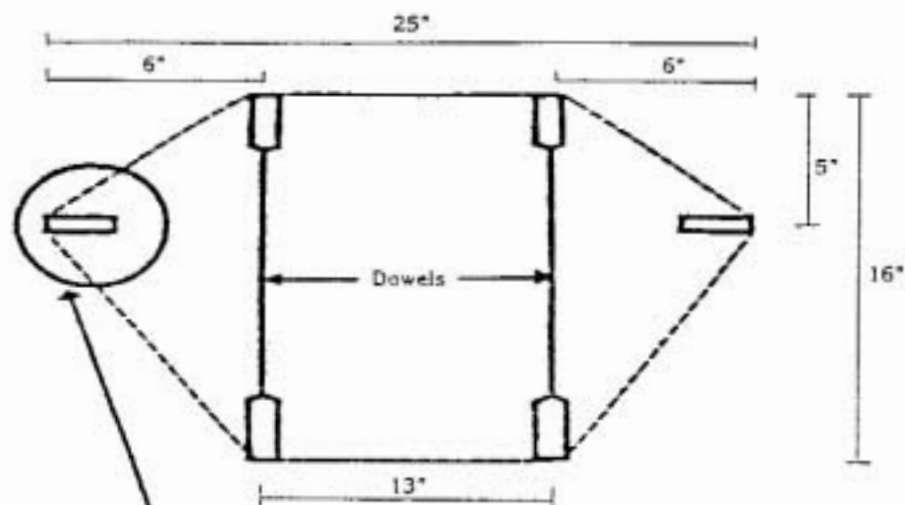
Cut six 3" x 1 1/2" bridling points from paper or plastic remnants. (This is where the dowels or string will be attached.)

If you want to decorate the kite, do so now. Turn your kite face down. Place four pieces of 2" tape at the four corners where the dowels will be secured. Place the dowels over the tape, secure with four of the bridling attachments and securely tape the strips of paper in place, making certain that the tips of the dowels also are taped in place.

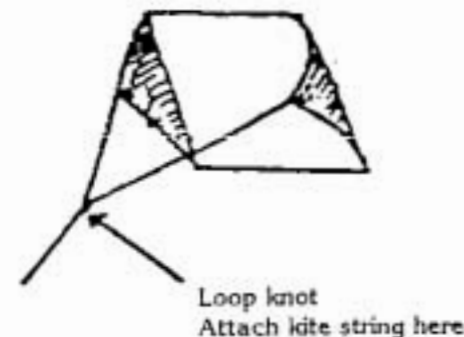
The remaining two bridling points will hold the string. Cut two 18" lengths. For extra strength, sew the string through the bridling pieces with a darning needle, then tape in place. Attach as shown in the illustration.

In order to balance the kite, you need to locate the center of the bridle. To do this, hold the two strings, letting the kite dangle. Tie them at the point where the kite is level, using a loop knot. Attach the main kite string at this point, also.

To fly the kite, place it face down on the ground and step back about 15 yards. Now you can run like crazy, but all you really need to do is jerk the line gently and the kite should rise. At this point, you may want to step into a slow sidle. The rest is a breeze. Enjoy.



Close up of taped bridling points





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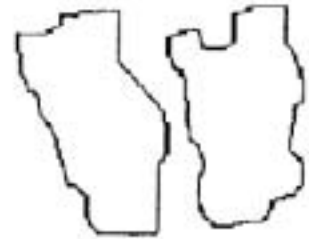
Read it, discuss it, cut it up, display interesting parts of it. What can you do with newspaper now???  
RECYCLE IT!!!

Paper can be used for many purposes. Concern for the environment dictates conservation of resources. Recycling of paper products is an attractive alternative to producing only "new" paper. Ask your students how paper can be recycled. How is paper made in the first place? The following steps illustrate the process.

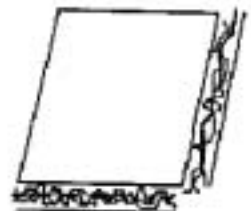
This activity gives students an idea of the process of papermaking on the commercial level. The process involves similar steps -- chopping, combining with liquid, making thin layers, pressing, and drying. It also lets you recycle used paper. Students could investigate the many uses of recycled paper in their area and in the nation and world. This activity could be a culmination or a springboard for a recycling project for a class or school.

Have the following items on hand: Blender/egg beater, 1 qt. Measuring cup, large tub (must be larger than frame), screen wire-covered picture frame, empty frame, newspaper, old household iron.

- A. Have students cut or tear old newspaper into small pieces. They may use all black/white pages, add colored comics pages, or include bits of colored newsprint.
- B. Soak the paper bits in water. Use about 1 quart water to 1 cup paper bits.
- C. Students should take turns beating the paper/water mixture with a sturdy egg beater, or place the mixture in a blender and process for several seconds.
- D. Pour the paper and water (called a "slurry") into a tub. Show students how to dip into the tub with screen-covered frame. (Hold the empty frame on top of the screen-covered one). Scoop up a thin, even layer of slurry on the picture frame.
- E. Have the students pat the layer of slurry a bit. Let it drip several seconds.
- F. Students should now cover the layer of slurry with a pad of quartered newspaper. Use iron to press the slurry and the sheets of newspaper that encase it. (Note: Please supervise carefully).
- G. As the newspaper dries, show students how to peel it away. A pressed, recycled paper will be left. The paper is textured. Its many tiny bits of subtle color make it look attractive.
- H. Help the students use the recycled paper for artwork, as a backing for mounted leaves, to make greeting cards, or for other clever purposes.



Tear pieces this size



Slurry between 2 pads of newspaper



Make greeting cards



# CHRISTMAS ANGEL

## Materials needed:

Newspaper

Insert

Glitter, sequins, pipe cleaner, ribbon, cord, etc.

Rubber band

Transparent tape/glue

Approximately 10" x 12" sheet of newspaper, wadded to size of small fist for head.

Approximately 11 1/2 x 18" insert rectangle, surround head in center of this to form body/skirt.

Using 4 sheets of newspaper (8 pages) cut on solid line. Cut top 2 sheets ONLY on dotted line.

Place balled newspaper inside insert at corner (x marks spot on pattern) between the top 2 sheets and bottom 2 sheets.

Form head, place rubber band at neck.

Keep arms straight for now.

Form skirt, taping as needed for desired size and shape.

Arms may now be left straight or clasped in front (as if praying) with tape or glue.

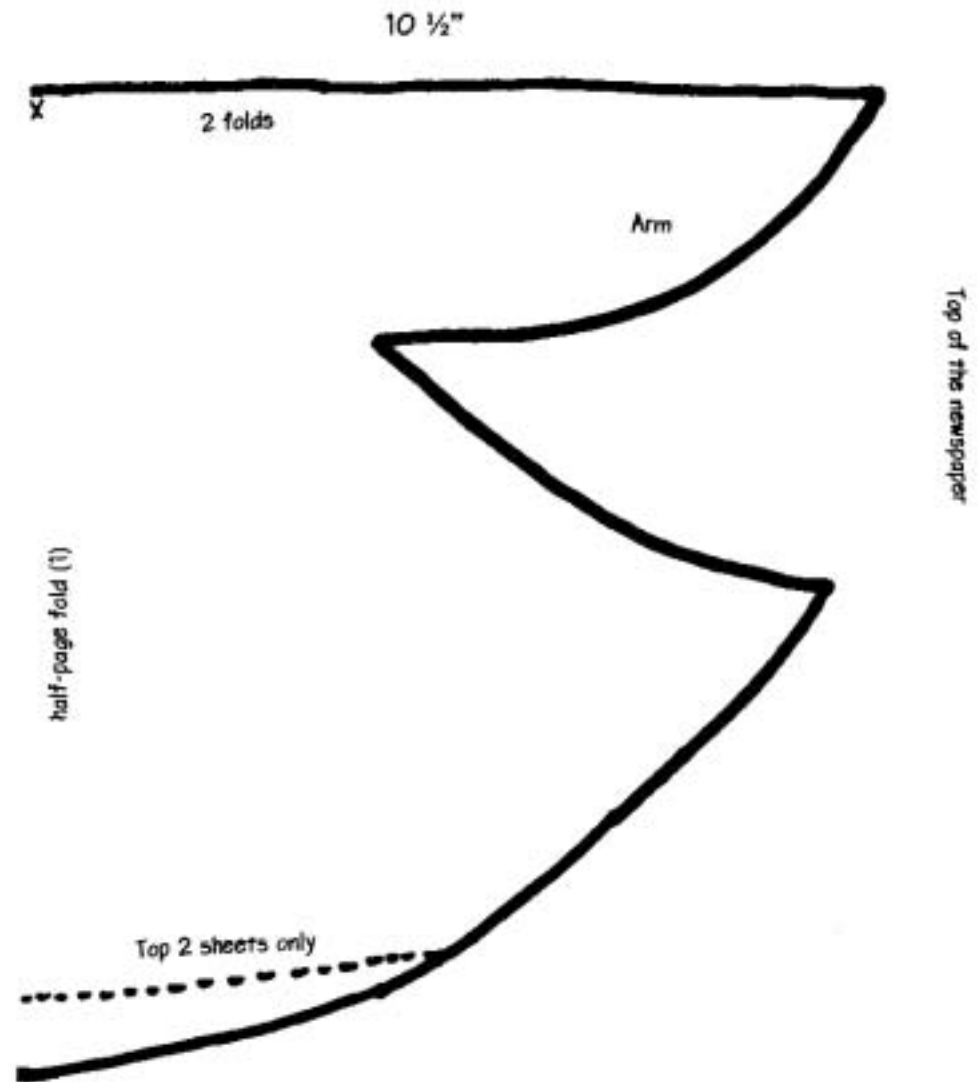
Accordion fold 9" x 9" sheet and attach with glue or tape as wings.

Form halo from garland or pipe cleaner, fasten around neck.

Tie ribbon, cord or garland around neck to hide rubber band.

Use IMAGINATION, glitter, sequins, etc. to finish angel.

Draw on top page of 4 sheets of newspaper





## PAPIER-MÂCHÉ PASTE RECIPES

### WHITE GLUE AND WATER

Use equal amounts of white glue and water. Mix glue with water. Dip strips of newspaper in glue mixture and wrap around a form.

### FLOUR AND SUGAR PASTE

Mix together 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup cold water. Stir in 4 cups boiling water.

Bring mixture to a boil, stirring constantly, over medium heat. Boil until thick and clear. Remove from heat and add 1 tablespoon alum and ½ teaspoon wintergreen (optional). Wintergreen will help retard spoiling. Cool, then dip newspaper strips in paste and wrap around papier-mâché form.



## ACTIVITIES FOR PARENT & CHILD

### Pre-Kindergarten activities:

- Let your child "pretend" to read a section of the paper as you read a section. This will give them the feel of the newspaper, as well as give them a sense of the importance of reading to the family.
- Read a comic strip daily to your child, following the words with your finger as you read. Look at the pictures and name objects that appear in each frame.
- Point out letters, numbers and shapes as they appear throughout the paper.

### K-1 activities:

- Read a serialized comic strip every day. Try to predict what will happen next in the comic strip. Check your prediction with the actual events the next day.
- Pick a short article that is of interest to your child. Read it aloud and then discuss it with your child. Ask your child to retell the story.
- Read aloud the lost and found section (or other section) of the classifieds. Ask questions about the information.
- Clip coupons from the newspaper and help your child organize them into piles.

### Grades 2-3:

- Help your child make a scrapbook of newspaper clippings. Organize pages into categories, such as things of interest, the letter "c", animals and so on. Clip and paste individual letters, pictures, comics, etc., that match each heading.
- Let your child choose their favorite comic strip. Have them practice giving different voices to each character as he reads aloud.
- Practice reading the index of the newspaper with your child. Challenge your child to find specific things in the newspaper.
- Encourage your child to make a picture/word collage. They can do this by cutting out pictures of objects and finding words or phrases to go with each picture. Paste all of the pictures and words together to make a collage.