

# Reading Across the Community

Newspapers across America are joining together to encourage our readers to spend time reading with kids. The national celebration of Read Across America and Newspaper in Education Week are wonderful opportunities to share this message.

The beloved Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904. To celebrate, schools and families all over America are encouraged to spend March reading as part of a national celebration called Read Across America.

Newspapers have been providing classroom enrichment for more than 200 years and today, millions of young people worldwide benefit from the Newspapers In Education partnership between schools, parents, and newspapers. NIE Month is celebrated during March.

These celebrations are an opportunity to seek ways to rekindle students' passion for reading. We hope you will make time to read with your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. To help you in this, we're sharing some of our favorite activities that use the newspaper along with favorite Seuss books.



## Dr. Seuss' ABC

- Make your own ABC book. Cut a "big" letter and a "little" letter from the newspaper for each letter of the alphabet and glue them to a page. Collect words that begin with each letter to add to your book. Can you make a silly sentence?

## And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street

- Discuss where reporters get their information, and that they must report facts, not fiction.
- This Seuss book was rejected 43 times. Find a news story about someone who doesn't give up.

## Green Eggs & Ham

- Find a newspaper picture of something you didn't like when you were younger, but now you do.
- Find an example of something you don't like now. Do you think you might change your mind someday?

## Hop On Pop

- Find words that rhyme in the newspaper. Find the shortest word in the newspaper. Find the longest word.
- Find things in the news on which you can hop.

## Horton Hatches the Egg

- Find something in the newspaper that weighs about a ton. How could you protect an egg from being squished by the heavy object, if it had to be under it? Write your idea and illustrate.
- In the news, find an example of someone who is faithful.

## The Glunk That Got Thunk

- Use the food section to think up a new recipe for Glunker Stew.
- Try to find an ad for phone service. At the price listed,

how long would the Glunk have to talk to his mother to make it a \$300 call?

## If I Ran the Circus

- Find amazing things in the newspaper. What is the most amazing thing you can find?
- Cut out and use pieces of several newspaper pictures to make a new picture of an amazing circus act.

## The King's Stilts

- Find a job where stilts might be helpful.
- Look at the jobs in the classified ads. Categorize them by jobs that must be done in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, at night, and jobs that can be done anytime.
- Look for smiling faces and frowning faces in the newspaper.
- Make a crown out of a page of the newspaper.
- Look up the word "impudent." Can you find a synonym for impudent in the newspaper?

## The Apples On Top

- Make a ball by crumpling up a page of newspaper. Can you balance in on your head?
- Look at the pictures of objects in the newspaper. Pick one that would be pretty easy to balance on your head. Pick one that would be really hard (or impossible) to balance. Share your ideas with others.
- Look for things that are "balanced" in the newspaper: a diet, scales, etc.



## Read the Newspaper with Your Kids

The newspaper is an inexpensive and educational way for you to help your child in reading. The newspaper has something for everyone – headlines, news articles, photographs, sports, entertainment and special features just for kids.

## Use the Newspaper to Help Your Child in Reading

The habit of reading a newspaper should start early in a child's life. The newspaper is worthwhile for children to read because it:

- Promotes letter recognition with young children.
- Increases vocabulary.
- Helps develop and sharpen reading skills.
- Gives your child an awareness of the daily events happening around him.
- Allows your child to widen his understanding of local, national and international issues.
- Provides great opportunities for discussion on issues and behaviors.

## Tips for Reading the Newspaper with Your Child

- Sit together. This allows you to share not only a love of reading, but love.
- Familiarize your child with the newspaper. Share your most comfortable reading positions. Talk about how a newspaper is organized.
- Let your child read aloud to you. This gives you the opportunity to work on vocabulary.
- Allow your child to move at his own pace and in his own direction. Help the youngster feel good about learning!
- The newspaper is consumable! Write on it, cut it up – making it fun! This will encourage your child to view learning as fun and exciting.
- Talk with your child about what he reads in the newspaper. Use positive and negative stories to teach and reinforce appropriate behavior.
- Remember, children follow the example of adults. If your child sees you read the newspaper and talk about what you read, will do likewise.
- Make it a habit. Reading is something they can carry through a lifetime.



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