

Newspaper Lessons to Love

Passionate about Palindromes

Search through the newspaper for numbers that are palindromes. A palindrome is a number that remains the same when written forwards or backwards, such as 656.

If a student can't find a palindrome, compute one! Here's how:

1. Reverse the digits of a number and add it to the number. For example, to find the palindrome for 369, add 963 to it. This equals 1,332 — which is not a palindrome.
2. Add the reverse of 1,332 which is 2,331 to it. This equals 3,663, which is a palindrome.

Sweet on Spelling

1. Have students work in pairs to find and cut out the following letters from newspaper headlines:
P R P S W N S E A E
2. Have student pairs glue the letters on to cards made of lightweight cardboard. (Index cards work well.)
3. Give student pairs a time limit to rearrange the letters into new words.

Special recognition can be given to the students using all 10 letters, which spell the word “newspapers.”

Heartbreak Puzzles

1. Look through the newspaper and find examples of compound words or words that can be used to make a compound word.
2. Have students make several “Heartbreak Puzzles” by writing or gluing a compound word on to a heart.
3. Cut the heart in two between the two words that make up the compound word.
4. Have a student puzzle exchange!

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Kid Scoop is here to inspire reading, learning and writing. And we can save teachers' time! We create a writing prompt to go with the topic of each page. They are easy, quick and fun—great to use for a daily writing activity.

Let your publisher know your students are writing responses to the prompts. Ask if they would publish some student stories.

GUIDELINES

1. Keep length between 50 and 100 words.
2. Follow directions for the topic. Creativity is great, but is the entry on topic?
3. Make sure writing is legible.
4. Add students' name, school and grade.
5. Screen for appropriateness.

WEEKLY WRITING PROMPTS

A Woman I Admire

Who is a woman you admire? Explain what you admire about her.

Published: Week of March 2

Disappearing Moon

Finish this story: One night the moon disappeared and then ...

Published: Week of March 9

Four-Leaf Clover

I knew my luck would change the moment I picked up a four-leaf clover. Here is what happened next ...

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Classroom News

Write a paragraph telling about something that happened in your classroom.

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

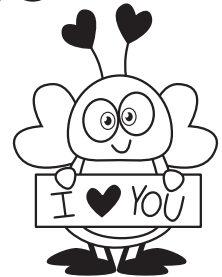
BLACK HISTORY MONTH: AFRICAN AMERICAN SCIENTISTS

Have you ever ridden in an elevator, worn shoes, played with a Super Soaker or used a microphone? Then your life has been touched by an African American scientist. Learn more about the people behind some everyday inventions.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Students have fun while reading and following directions to make some little Valentine's Day gifts to share.



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

HIPPO QUESTIONS

Can your students answer these questions about hippos?

Hippos are gentle giants. True or False?
 Hippos like to eat lots of _____.
 A baby hippo is called a _____.
 Find out the answers to these questions and more in this week's *Kid Scoop* page.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

MEET THE PRESIDENTS

This week, *Kid Scoop* uncovers some fun and unusual facts about the people who have been President of the United States over the years. Find out who had the most children. Who was a tailor? Who had pet alligators?



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