

## *Kid Scoop* helps students avoid the "Summer Slide!"

Each week, *Kid Scoop* provides an educational and high-interest learning page delivered to students in their local newspaper! Encourage families to subscribe or pick up copies of their newspapers for kid-friendly topics will reinforce math, science, literacy and social studies skills — and the motivation to read!

And, while you have the newspaper at home — here are more fun, learning games for families to enjoy!

 To order newspapers for your classroom, call:

## Summer Picnic

Lick your lips and put together a picnic from foods you find in the newspaper. Can you find the ingredients to make sandwiches, sundaes and something to sip? Add up the cost of all the food to find the total amount. If you paid for this food with a \$100 bill, how much change would you receive?

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Solve problems by adding and subtracting amounts of money.

## Summer Sandcastles

You can make sandcastles out of the newspaper. This is messy, so first lay down some plastic on the work area. You will need newspaper, an old paintbrush, empty cartons, cardboard, aluminum foil, and white glue, slightly watered down.

1. First make the basic shape of the castle by combining empty cartons, cardboard and aluminum foil.
2. Tear newspaper into strips approximately 1 inch wide by 4 inches long.
3. Put one layer of wet paper (no glue) over your sandcastle shape.
4. For the next layers, paste your paper with the glue, using the paintbrush.
5. Cover the sandcastle with at least three layers and then allow it to dry completely.
6. Paint your sandcastle.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

*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

### What makes you smile?

Write 2-3 sentences about one or more things that make you smile.

**Published:** Week of July 5

### Outdoor Fun

Share with other kids the games you like to play outdoors during the summer.

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### Star Poem

Write a poem about stars.

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### Shocking Superhero

Imagine you are electric! What would be your superhero name?

How would you use your electric powers to help people?

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**WEEK OF JUNE 7**


### JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Each June there are celebrations to share with your family and friends. This week, *Kid Scoop* gets the scoop on National Children's Day, Flag Day and Father's Day!

**WEEK OF JUNE 14**

### SEAHORSES

Whoa, Nellie! This week meet one of the most unusual creatures of the sea—the strange and beautiful seahorse.



**WEEK OF JUNE 21**

### FIFA WORLD CUP

This summer, soccer teams from around the world will be competing to see which team is the world champion. This week, *Kid Scoop* reports on the World Cup and the game of soccer—also called football in many parts of the world.



**WEEK OF JUNE 28**

### AMERICA TURNS 250!

This year the United States celebrates its 250th birthday. Celebrate with *Kid Scoop* with a page of All-American puzzles and games!

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