



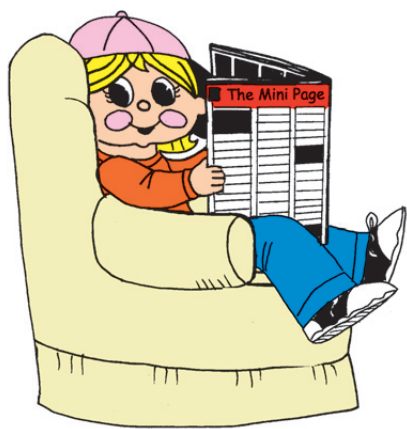
The Mini Page

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NIE Week, March 2-6

Plug Into the Newspaper

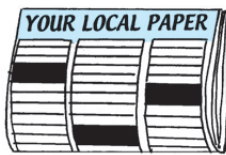


The Mini Page is a newspaper especially for children. But your hometown newspaper has a lot to offer kids, too. Local newspapers help kids and adults stay plugged in about what's happening in their community.

NIE Week

Newspapers in Education Week is March 2-6. This special week reminds us of how important it is to read the newspaper. We get useful information and learn new skills as we read.

The Mini Page celebrates with an issue about how newspapers help us every day.



I need to know ...

What do you need to know, or want to know, each day? Try to think of some answers to that question. Ask your family members. Your answers might be different from theirs.

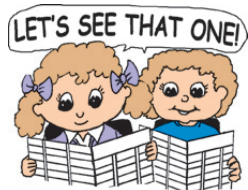
You might say:

- I want to know what the weather is going to be like.



- I want to know the score of last night's match.

- I want to know what movies are showing nearby and at what times.



- I want to find out what's up with my favorite comic strip characters.

Your family members might say:

- I want to find a new recipe to cook tonight.



- I need to find a used car.



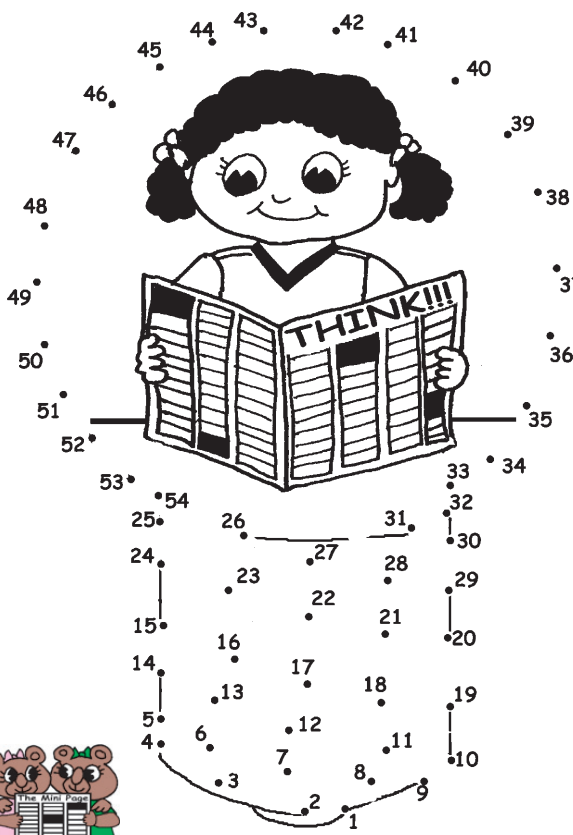
- I need to know how businesses in my area are doing.



- I want to see if my team's picture is in the paper.

You and your family can find all of this and more in your hometown newspaper. You just have to know where to look.

Go dot to dot and color.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Lemony Red Potatoes

You'll need:

- 1 pound red potatoes (4 medium)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 to 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

What to do:

- Cut each red potato into 8 wedges.
- Mix olive oil, salt, pepper and Italian seasoning in a large bowl.
- Add cut-up red potatoes and toss in oil mixture.
- Pour into a medium-size baking dish.
- Roast potatoes at 425 degrees for 30 minutes, turning after 15 minutes. Pour lemon juice over top of potatoes and roast for 10 more minutes (40 minutes total roasting).

*You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



Meet Keke Palmer



Keke Palmer stars as True in the Nickelodeon series "True Jackson, VP." Keke was asked to join the Disney Channel concert "Kids' Inaugural: We Are the Future." This concert was hosted by first lady Michelle Obama and was performed to honor military families. Keke has starred in several movies, including "Akeelah and the Bee," "The Longshots," and TV movies "The Wool Cap" and "Jump In!"

She sang two songs for "Jump In!" She also has made her own CD. She has appeared in several commercials.

Keke, 15, was born in Harvey, Ill. She began singing in her church choir when she was 5.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Myron Rolle



Height: 6-2 Birthdate: 10-30-86
Weight: 218 Hometown: Galloway, N.J.

Football fans might see Florida State safety Myron Rolle playing in the NFL one day. But not next season. Rolle, a fast, strong, tough defensive back, opted to accept a Rhodes scholarship and study in Oxford, England, next year instead of playing in the pros.

Rolle, who embodies the "student-athlete" phrase, earned a degree in exercise science in 2 1/2 years at FSU. While succeeding in football and making second-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference safety this year, he did as much or more off the field. Rolle received a creative research award for studying stem cells and also did research in a campus biochemistry lab.

One of his long-range goals is to open a medical clinic in the Bahamas, his family's native land. Somewhere in between, Rolle also is likely to do some more hard hitting in the NFL.

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Newspaper Skills

Knowing the answers to these questions will help you to become a better newspaper reader. They'll make the paper more interesting for you to read.

A newspaper quiz-a-roo

1. The line above the article that tells who wrote the story is the:

- A. author
- B. byline
- C. writer
- D. copyright



2. The words that comic strip characters say are usually in a circle or box. It is called a:

- A. saying
- B. balloon
- C. quote
- D. talkie



3. A line at the bottom of a story that tells the page, section and column where the story is continued is called a:

- A. go-to line
- B. follow-me line
- C. jump line
- D. what's-s-next line

4. Ads that are short and usually bought by the word are called:

- A. shorts
- B. want ads
- C. briefs
- D. classified ads

5. A box (usually found on the editorial page) with the paper's address and a list of the managers is called a:

- A. who's who list
- B. top people
- C. masthead
- D. nameplate



6. Ads that have pictures or art and that advertise stores, foods and services are called:

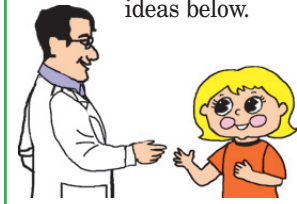
- A. display ads
- B. store ads
- C. big ads
- D. picture ads



Answers: 1. B, 2. B, 3. C, 4. D, 5. C, 6. A

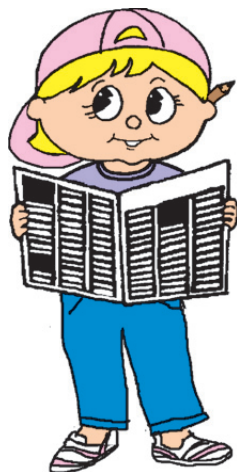
For Every Part of You

You can find something in the newspaper for every part of your life: school, play, sports, food, entertainment, friends, family, pets and more. Look through your paper to find subjects that interest you and note the page number. We've given you some ideas below.



Health: Look in your newspaper for an article about health. It might be about a new treatment for a disease or about good eating or exercise habits.

I found it on page ____.



Sports: The sports section is full of stories and statistics about different kinds of teams. Find out how your team is doing this season.

I found it on page ____.



Travel: Some newspapers have a travel section, usually in the Sunday paper. Find a place you'd like to visit and learn more about it.

I found it on page ____.



People: Newspapers often feature stories about interesting people. Find one about someone you'd like to meet.

I found it on page ____.



Comics: Many newspaper readers turn to the comics page first to start their day with a laugh. Which comic is your favorite?

I found it on page ____.



A newspaper reporter interviews citizens at a protest.

Government watchdogs

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads:
"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging (reducing) the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."
The founding fathers believed that citizens should be able to express their ideas or opinions, either out loud or in writing, without worrying about being punished.

Newspapers have been called "watchdogs" of our government and its leaders. This means that members of the press have a responsibility to report about what our government is doing. The writers of the Constitution wanted citizens to be informed about the decisions and actions their leaders were taking.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Nelson: What do cows read daily?
Neil: The moos-paper!



Nathan: What did people read 1 million years ago?
Nellie: The Prehistoric Times!



Neville: What is black and white and "red" all over?
Natalie: The newspaper!



NIE WEEK

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of newspapers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: NEWSPAPER, SPORTS, RECIPE, ADS, WEATHER, COMICS, SKIM, PAGE, FICTION, SKILL, BYLINE, JUMP, CLASSIFIED, READ, MASTHEAD, HEALTH, TRAVEL, PEOPLE, WATCHDOG, FIRST, AMENDMENT, FUN.

THE NEWSPAPER STARTS MY DAY!

N S F E P I C E R E H T A E W
E T F I K M G H B Y L I N E A
W R I N R A M E N D M E N T
S O C U Q S V A R S S Y S B C
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown like to catch up on the news every day. See if you can find:



- man in the moon
- ice cream cone
- safety pin
- letter C
- bell
- word MINI
- letter B
- ladder
- fish
- squirrel
- letter A
- pencil
- carrot
- kite
- lima bean