

Elementary Science, Health and Safety Activities

1. Many things around the home need electricity to work. Search through the newspaper and find as many things as you can that need electricity. How many did you find? How many of them do you have in your home?
2. Have a safety lesson and go through the newspaper and cutout ten things that can be dangerous if used incorrectly like knives, spray cans, tools, etc. Make a safety poster for the items you found.
3. Make collages of wild animals and tame animals or pets using newspaper pictures and headline words.
4. Cut out newspaper pictures of different forms of weather you may be studying. Mount them on posters and label them as clouds, storms, rain, snow, etc.
5. Construct a classroom bulletin board of pictures and stories cut from the newspaper that cause pollution. Divide them into air pollution, water pollution and noise pollution.
6. Follow the weather forecast for several weeks if your newspaper has a weather section. Why is weather information important? Try to find news articles about the effects of weather on your local area.
7. Find an article about a fire in your town. Create a poster stressing fire safety.
8. Read articles about home fires as they appear in your local newspaper. Discuss the causes of the fires and whether or not anyone was injured in the blazes. What steps could have been taken to avoid the fires?
9. Find photos and stories about pets. Create a notebook called "Taking Care of Pets."
10. Find stories about accidents and write safety tips on how they could have been prevented. Write a skit to demonstrate your safety tips to the rest of the class.
11. Pretend you are living 200 years from now. What has happened to the world because of pollution? Write a news article telling about this future world. (Review news stories in this week's newspaper to learn the elements of news writing style.)
12. Keep a notebook on any words about science you find in the newspaper with which you are unfamiliar. Write a definition for each.
13. Be on the watch for newspaper articles in your newspaper which discuss the impact of hunting and fishing in your area. Write an editorial supporting the rights of hunters and fishermen or detailing why these activities should be limited.
14. Create a machine that you think would save energy. Write a news story telling about your invention.
15. Give each student a paper plate. Ask them to find pictures to paste on the plate that would create a healthy meal. Stress good nutrition.
16. Let each student create a notebook called "Advances in Science." They should place articles into the notebook as they find them.
17. Look at the weather map in your newspaper. Predict what you think tomorrow's weather will be. Create a chart of your prediction and the actual weather that occurred.
18. Create a collage of pictures from the newspaper of things that use energy. The students may want to categorize them by the type of energy used.
19. Examine the comic strips and find examples of things that defy the laws of nature. Examples, animals talking, a super hero flying, etc.
20. Cut pictures from the newspaper that show people showing emotions. Discuss how people show emotions. What are good ways to express emotions and what are inappropriate ways?