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ABSTRACT

One of a series prepared by the Hawaii Newspaper Agency, this teaching guide offers 100 ideas for using the daily newspaper to teach lower elementary classes language arts, social studies, and mathematics. The 100 ideas may be adapted to either group or individual instruction; bowever, the teachers highly recommend individualized instruction. (SW)

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100 ideas for using YOUR DAILY NEWSPAPER TO TEACH LOWER ELEMENTARY CLASSES

(Three-on-Two)



An educational project of the Hawaii Newspaper Agency, Inc.



"What is a living textbook?" the teacher asked 60 kindergarten-first grade youngsters sitting on the floor in a rural schoolroom.

"The newspaper," they answered.

"How can that be? Does the newspaper hear?"

"No."

"Does the newspaper feel?"

"No."

"Does the newspaper eat?"

"No."

"Does the newspaper speak?"

"Yes."

"How?"

"By the words."

Not bad for five and six-year-olds.

These students are in a three-on-two class at Haleiwa. Their teachers are Mrs. Betty Jenkins, Mrs. Anne Peterson and Mrs. Lani Quiocho. With Miss Lucille Goderre, now a counsellor, they have developed more than 100 ways to use the daily newspaper to teach better.

The 100 ways that follow can be adapted to either group or individual instruction, though the teachers themselves are convinced that individualized instruction is the best way to teach.



The advantages of incorporating the daily paper into their program?

- * The students are proud of it.
- * They feel like "bigger people."
- * They can cut it up and mark it.
- * They see it at home.
- * They are interested in what it contains.
- * It is more realistic than a textbook.

Mrs. Jenkins and her team-mates stress that teachers, if they use these ideas, should adapt them to their own students and their own temperaments and methods. The Haleiwa teachers use envelopes but there are all sorts of adaptations available to the imaginative teacher.

A word about the class structure. The large, carpeted room has no desks for either teachers or students. Therefore, there is no front to the room and teachers and students work together instead of the students working for the teachers.

Each child has a folder for his work and a place to put it, but supplies are community property.

The program and its objectives are carefully planned but there is no rigid pattern for procedure.

"Play is the serious business of childhood" might well be the class theme. The teachers believe that children learn while doing and that, the more they enjoy the doing, the faster they will learn.

Mrs. Jenkins says that the objectives of the teachers are these, in this order: self-image, self-discipline and the curriculum.



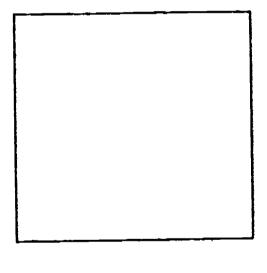
"We all feel that if a child is proud of himself and what he can do, if he can work well by himself and with others, the curriculum will be no problem.

"We've proved this to be true.

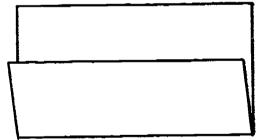
"We've also proved that there is no such thing as a short attention span. Give the children something they are interested in (and in our case this happens to be the newspaper) and they will stay interested for long periods of time."

Instructions for making your own envelopes:

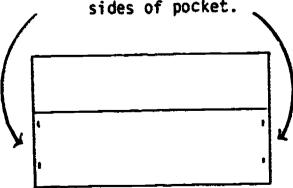
STEP 7: Use oak tag paper or any other; rectangular shape; any size.



STEP 2: Fold the bottom end of paper up to make the pocket of envelope.



STEP 3: Staple or paste sides of pocket.





THE ENVELOPES

They start off plain and end up bright, colorful and easy to read.

The titles indicate the subject matter.

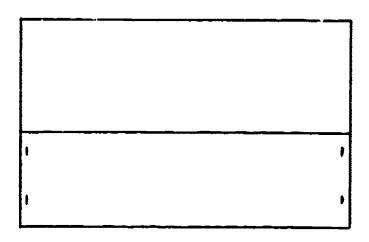
The theme for some is the same. Varied titles keep the students' interest.

The material in the pocket may be started by the teacher and added to by the students. Or it may be provided entirely by the teacher or entirely by the students. It depends on how it is to be used.

Everything done by the students is talked about, corrected, discarded or (most often) praised. Sometimes this is done in a large group; sometimes individually. There is no set pattern and procedures will vary from day-to-day, from teacher-to-teacher and from envelope-to-envelope.

Remember to use letters and words in big type for young children.

Finished product:





Language Arts



(1) Title on Envelope: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Object: To understand commonly-used expressions

EXAMPLES

Bouncing Checks

bird's-eye view

ROUND ROBIN

Catch A Wave

(2) Title on Envelope: LET'S TALK HAWAIIAN

Object: To understand Hawaiian words

EXAMPLES

PALI Kokua

Hale pupu

KAMAAINA

Luau Keiki

Lilikoi

(3) Title on Envelope: A WORLD OF CURSIVE WORDS

Object: To teach youngsters to convert printing to cursive writing

EXAMPLES

missing boat turns up tied with 206 cards



(4) Title: PIDGIN TALK

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Object: To understand pidgin

EXAMPLES

"da kine"

"Easy Bruddah"

"GEEV UM:DA AX!!"

(5) Title: WE JOIN TOGETHER

Object: To recognize compound words

EXAMPLES

MIDDLEMAN!

heartbeat SOMETHING longtime Sunbeams

(6) Title: WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE WORD?

Object: To find little words in big words

EXAMPLES

Island

decision

CABINETS



(7) Title: FOR YOUR WRITING

Object: To practice cursive writing

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EXAMPLES

eyeball to eyeball

ball point pens roll

Title: HOW MANY PARTS? (8)

Object: To teach syllabication

EXAMPLES

Paradise Depend **Ancient**

Language **Pictures** MUSEUM

(9) fitle: WRITE YOUR NAME

Object: To learn to spell one's own name

EXAMPLES



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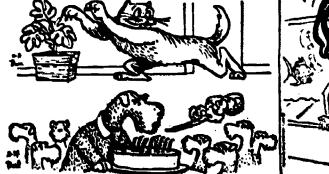


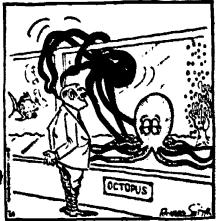
(10) Title: TALK STORIES

Object: To use one's imagination and to learn to speak well (sometimes the stories are put on tape so

that children can hear themselves)

EXAMPLES

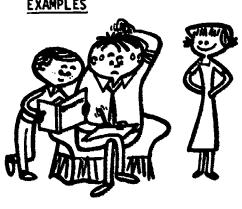




(11) Title: STORY TIME

Object: To talk about pictures

EXAMPLES





(12) Title: MATCHING LETTERS

Object: To recognize letters even though they do not

always look the same





(13) Title: WHERE ARE YOU, LITTLE ONE?

Object: To find little words in bigger words

EXAMPLES

Business Novelist engagement insurance Photographers

(14) Title: WE THANK THEE

Object: To recognize thank you words and thank you pictures

(a lesson in values)

EXAMPLES

"MAHALO"



THANK YOU

(15) Title: ARE THEY OPPOSITE?

Object: To recognize words as the same or opposite

EXAMPLES

Old New Easy hard LONG



(16) Title: LOOK, MOM, NO MOUTH

Object: To role-play words or pictures as a first step for the

reluctant talker. Also to recognize verbs as action words.

EXAMPLES

Counting ROUND

Eating



(17) Title: ACTORS, ACTRESSES

Object: Same as No. 16

EXAMPLES

knock FLY



yelling Freeze

(18) Title: DOES IT RHYME?

Object: To recognize rhyming words

EXAMPLES

MISTER TWISTER RATTLE BATTLE
SOOPER dooper
Lister blister



(19) Title: LET'S SAY IT IN HAWAIIAN

Object: To understand and speak common Hawaiian words

EXAMPLES

TULTUTATU Huli Huli HAWAII NEI No Ka Oi Kamehameha

(20) Title: IT'S A SYMBOL

Object: To understand commonly used signs

EXAMPLES



(21) Title: STOP! LISTEN!

Object: To recognize that certain sounds go with certain

feelings and expressions









(22) Title: LET'S DAY UT

Object: To understand that one may say the same thing differently

depending on context

EXAMPLES

One hundred years THEY DID IT Some Play

WHEN? WHO? Title: WHAT? WHERE? (23)

Object: To recognize the sign that asks a question

EXAMPLES

"May I help you?" OWN ONE?

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Title: EXCITEMENT SENTENCES (24)

Object: To recognize the sign that shows excitement

EXAMPLES

razzmatazz



(25) Title: END IT

Object: Given the start, finish the sentence

EXAMPLES

Ask us for I NEVERTHOUGHT Give yourself an

(26) Title: START IT

Object: Given the end, start the sentence

EXAMPLES

put you up.

around the world.

on your way

(27) Title: IT'S IN THE MIDDLE

Object: Given the middle, put on a start and a finish.

(This was the hardest language arts exercise given

the students.)

EXAMPLES

is not the HAS GOT IT ALL will buy it meet the other



(28) Title: PATTEENS

Object: To recognize patterns in words

EXAMPLES

call Fall Wall All

FOOD wood HOOD good

(29) Title: (AE IT

Object: To be able to use words in sentences

EXAMPLES

homebeachmorningTelevision

(30) Title: FIX IT UP

Object: To make corrections

EXAMPLES

Mix N'Match Kopykats
Tops N'Pants
DIS'n'DAT



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(31) Title: HOW MANY PARCES

Object: To learn how many parts to a word (by handclapping

or other sounds. Terminology not important.)

EXAMPLES

Timely

Polynesian

storyteller

consumer

FANTASTIC

(32) Title: BE A THACHER

Object: To encourage youngsters to help each other spell

EXAMPLES

Your show

dresses New Sky

(33) Title: 'FOR THE TYPEWRITER

Object: To learn the letters by copying on a typewriter

EXAMPLES

Feel the difference...fast!

LOOK WHAT YOUR DOLLARS WILL BUY!



(34) Title: KNOW YOUR A, B, C's

Object: To learn the alphabet

EXAMPLES

ABCD@FG

(35) Title: "OPY ON THE BOARD

Object: Transcribing into cursive writing

EXAMPLES

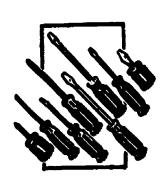
'The Lions are Free' on a silver platter

(36) Title: TELL HOW MANY

Object: To learn to count and to recognize sets









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(37) Title: MATCH IT

Object: To recognize words which are the same

EXAMPLES

Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk

IS RELEVANT

IS RELEVANT

(38) Title: BALE, BALE, SALE

Object: To understand the meaning of the word and the

importance to people

EXAMPLES

WALK-IN SALE SIDEWALK SALE



(39) Title: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF COLOR

Object: To learn color words and match them with colors

EXAMPLES

ORANGE

Gold

VELLOW

Blue White

Green Red



No's 40 through 46 were not done with envelopes but could be easily adapted to this method if the teacher wished.

- (40) Put letters, phrases, headlines. sentences on language master cards; have the youngsters play them, listen and repeat the words. This is an excellent speaking and listening exercise.
- (41) Stories about pictures. Children take pictures, paste them on cardboard, then find words in the newspaper to describe them. Responses will vary from one word to complete sentences. Discuss all "stories" with the whole class.
- (42) Flannel story. Cut out pictures from the paper to make a sequence on the flannel board. Have children tell the story as they follow the pictures.
- (43) Let's draw a monster. Students draw their own monsters, then find words in the paper that describe the sounds the monster makes.
- (44) Let's look at a picture. Take one very large picture and have children as a whole class talk about it and what they see. This could also be done with a cartoon or comic strip put on an overhead projector.
- (45) It's in a plate. A sentence or a word is cut out, pasted in the middle of a paper plate and hung in a prominent spot. The students discuss with the teacher what it means. This can be done in a variety of ways. You're doing the same thing as in "What Does It Mean?" but the students think it is different because the technique is different.
- (46) News booklet. Students cut out pictures they like to make up a news booklet for the class. Even in kindergarten, pictures will range from bikinis to bicycles.
- (47) Our day at the zoo. This is also a booklet, compiled by students as they find pictures in the paper of animals they might see at the zoo.



Social Studies



(48) Title: HAWAII NO KA BEST

Object: To find things about Hawaii and to learn to appreciate

things Hawaiian

EXAMPLES

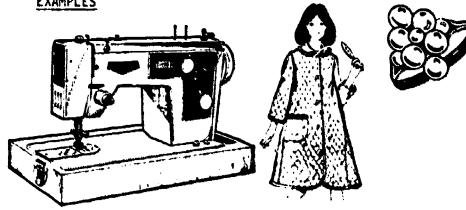




(49) Title: FOR MOTHER

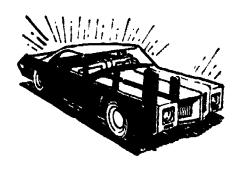
Object: To understand which things are for Mother





(50) Title: FOR DADDY

Object: To differentiate between things for Mother and things for Daddy. (If you compare their choices, you will get a good insight into how they see the roles of their paretns.)









(51) Title: I WANT TO BE A

Object: To learn who does what jobs in the community

EXAMPLES



STORE DETECTIVE COOK FASHION DESIGNER

Barber



(52) Title: ALL ABOUT STORES

Object: To learn the different stores and what is sold

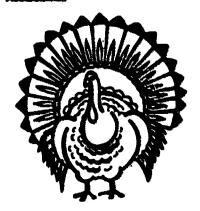
in them



(53) Title: SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

Object: To find things which relate to Christmas, Aloha Week,

Thanksgiving and so on







(54) Title: Mrm - IT'S ONG

Object: To learn about the different foods and why

we eat them

EXAMPLES





(55) Title: GULP! GULP!

Object: To learn about things we drink

EXAMPLES





(56) Title: MOTHER'S WORK

Object: To recognize what mother does and what she uses

in her work









(57) Title: PALLY'S WORK

Object: To learn the kinds of things daddy works with

EXAMPLES



(58) Title: THE LAUGHING BOX

Object: To find things which makes us happy



(59) Title: SOMETIMES WE'RE SAD

Object: To be able to talk about things which makes us sad







(60) Title: HIC AND HERS

Object: To be able to differentiate between things for

a boy and things for a girl.











(61) Title: THE MELTING POT

To learn about the different people who live

in Hawaii

EXAMPLES

French Topanese Chinese **Filipino** italians HAWAIIANS

(62) Title: THINGS THAT GO, GO, GO

Object: To find things that move and learn how they operate







(63) Title: THE WHALF OF MAGIC

Object: To learn magic words which help each other

EXAMPLES

Pardon us THANK YOU

The Pleasure Has Been Ours Need Help? SORRY! MAHALO

(64) Title: PETS ARE FOR LOVING

Object: To learn to appreciate and care for animals

EXAMPLES







(65) Title: LIGHT OR HEAVY

Object: To learn the difference











(66) Title: HOT OR COLD

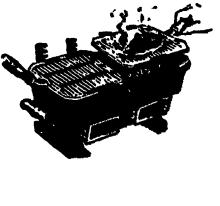
Object: To be able to classify things by whether they

are hot or cold

EXAMPLES



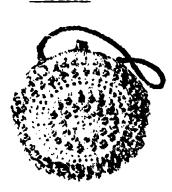




(67) Title: JUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Object: To choose things for girls

EXAMPLES

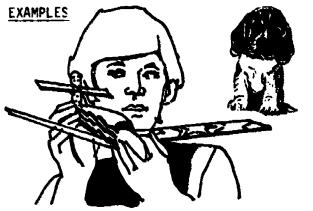


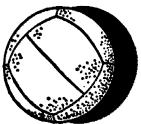




(68) Title: SNIFS AND SNAILS AND FUFFY DOG TAILS

Object: To choose things for boys









(69) Title: OUR COUNTRY

Object: To learn love of country

EXAMPLES





(70) Title: TRICK OR TREAT

Object: To learn about Halloween and other holidays

EXAMPLES



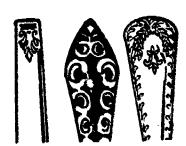




(71) Title: SAME OR DIFFERENT

Object: To be able to tell if things in a picture are

the same or different







(72) Title: OUR WORLD OF DISCOVERY

Object: To learn about the senses and how to use them

EXAMPLES

EYES THAT SEE







(73) Title: TONGUE THAT TASTES







(74) Title: LOSE THAT SMELLS

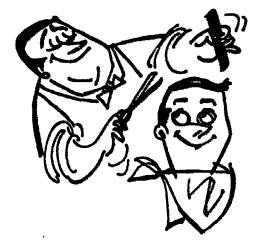






(75) Title: HANDS THAT FEEL





(76) Title: EARS THAT HEAR





(77) Title: WHAT DO WE EAT?

Object: To learn what to eat at each meal and some

basic nutrition

EXAMPLES



APPLE CORN MILK



Mathematics



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(78) Title: LESS THAN

Object: To learn the relationship of numbers

EXAMPLES

3<72<5

(79) Title: GREATER THAN

Object: Same as above

EXAMPLES

9>4 3>1

(80) Title: IT'S A DATF

Object: To learn how to say and write a date

EXAMPLES

February 14

July 29,1972

Tuesday, March 2

APRIL 14



(81) Title: FIND THE NUMERALS

To reocgnize numerals and be able to put them in

order. Also to learn that the same numbers do not

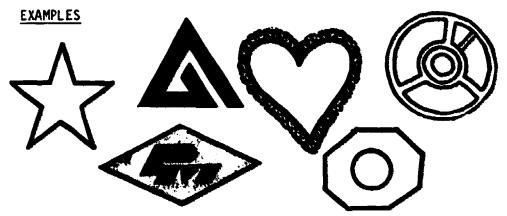
always look the same.

EXAMPLES

12345678

(82) Title: SHAPES

Object: To recognize and learn the names of various shapes



(83) Title: KNOW YOUR NUMBER WORDS

Object: To learn which words go with which numerals

EXAMPLES

dozen

lozen Zero
pair four

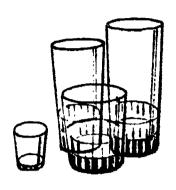
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(84) Title: SETS

Object: To recognize sets and the number in each

EXAMPLES





(85) Title: IT'S ALL IN A WEEK

Object: To learn the days of the week

EXAMPLES

Friday SATURDAY Tonight

Monday SUNDAY Yesterday

THURSDAY

(86) Title: IT'S ALL IN A YEAR

Object: To learn the months of the year

EXAMPLES

August March JULY October

JANUARY



(87) Title: CAN YOU FIND A PAIR?

Object: To learn to recognize a pair. This can be preliminary

to working with sets.

EXAMPLES





(88) Title: IT'S NUMBER TALK

Object: To learn words for numerals

EXAMPLES

Thirties fourth twins

twice SECOND THOUSAND

(89) Title: HELLO! HELLO!

Object: To learn numbers by dialing toy telephones. This

was the most popular math activity and combines language arts in that children talk to each other

after dialing.

EXAMPLES

941-0937

Phone 841-1675

CALL <u>536-0061</u>

548-7927



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(90) Title: HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK

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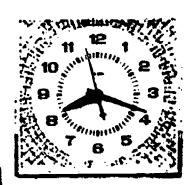
Object: To learn how to tell time

EXAMPLES

6:00

9:30 P.M.

4 pm



3:00

5:30 P.M.

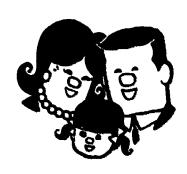
2 P.M.

(91) Title: HOW MANY?

Object: To learn to count. The students also learn to

count in Hawaiian and Japanese.

EXAMPLES





(92) Title: NUMERALS

Object: To learn to recognize numbers

78 78 98 39 77 67 77 63



(93) Title: MATCHING NUMBERS

(94) Title: MATCHING SOUNDS

(95) Title: MATCHING LETTERS

(96) Title: MATCHING WORDS

No's 93 through 96 were not done with envelopes. The teacher passes out pieces of cardboard on which numbers, words, sounds or letters are pasted. Numbers, for instance, are on both left and right hand sides of the cards but not in the same order. Strings attach to each number on one side must be placed in a slot beside the opposite number.



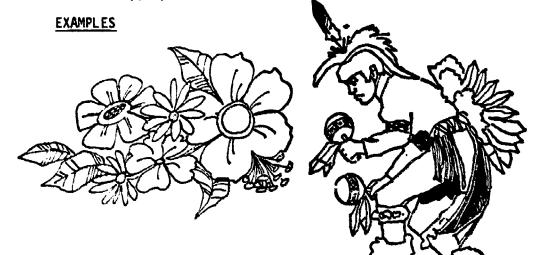
Other Activities



(97) Title: CRAYON FUN

Object: To be able to color within the lines with

apprepriate colors



(98) Title: KEEPING PHYSICALLY FIT

Object: To learn what to do to stay healthy

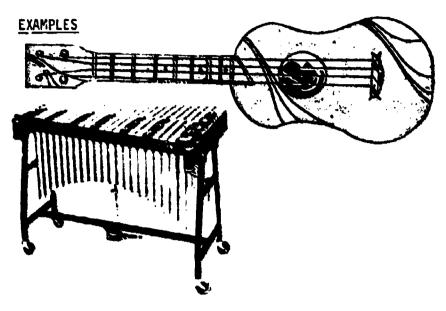




(99) Title: MUSIC MAKES US HAPFY

Object: To learn the different kinds of musical

instruments



(100) Title: IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD

Object: To find things which have to do with science and

talk about them

