

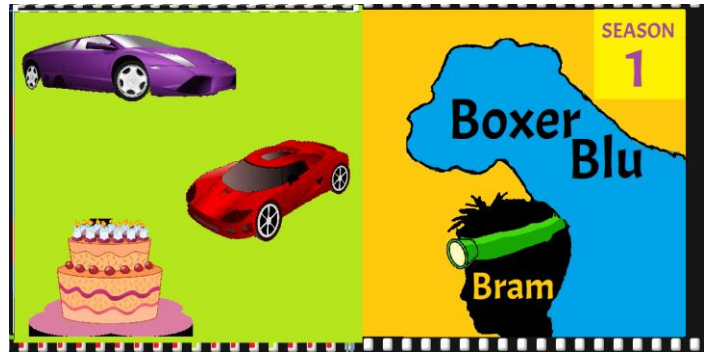
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

Season 1 – Episode 10 – July 19, 2019

Keywords: Audi, Datsun, birthdays



Item #1 – Title: 'Trump: US warship destroyed Iranian drone in Strait of Hormuz'

Authors: Frank Miles

Source: Fox News

Link: <https://www.foxnews.com/world/trump-us-warship-iranian-drone-strait-hormuz>

Activity – STEAM – Engineering – [Make an Airplane](#)

Are there any activities or sports that should be exclusively for boys or girls? Why or why not?

Item #2 – Title: 'A playlist to deter the homeless: 'Baby Shark' and 'Raining Tacos'

Author: Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs

Source: New York Times

Link: https://www.phillytrib.com/news/across_america/a-playlist-to-deter-the-homeless-baby-shark-and-raining/article_785c905a-eb85-5393-a0a8-bd9d2ca50143.html

Activity: Music – Can Music Be Ugly?

1. Brainstorm with the students if it is possible for a song to be 'ugly' or unpleasant.
2. Play the following [TED Talk at the 7:50 Mark](#). Comment: this is known as 'ugly music.' Discuss: is it 'ugly?' Why or why not?
3. Challenge the students to create the 'ugliest music' with their voices.
4. Discuss: What make the music ugly?

Item #3 – 'KLM tells breastfeeding women they may be asked to cover up'

Author: Daniel Boffey

Source: The Guardian

Link: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/jul/17/klm-airline-tells-breastfeeding-women-expect-cover-up>

Activities – Social Studies – How People Greet Each Other in Different Countries

1. Explain that different people have different things that bother them. Sometimes breastfeeding may make people angry to see it. Other people think that it is normal.
2. Ask the students if they have ever seen men and women at the beach and what they wear.
3. Show the students a picture of people at the beach from a long time ago, by searching on Google Images for *old-fashioned bathing suits*.
4. Do an activity where you imitate [the different ways](#) that people greet each other around the world.

Item #4– Title: ‘A Shared Birthday Party for 2 Sporty Foreign Cars

Author: Stephen Williams

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/18/business/audi-tt-anniversary-nissan-z.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Physics – Which Car is Faster?

Materials: Matchbox cars, plank of wood

1. Collect various matchbox cars.
2. Ask the students which cars they think are faster and why.
3. Ask the students to create a hypothesis, using a simple ramp.
4. Test the students' hypotheses.
5. Discuss the results.
6. Ask if the students' hypotheses were correct or not and why.

Item #5 - Title: ‘Alan Rogan, Keeper of Rock Guitars, Smashed Ones Included, Dies at 68’

Author: Phil Davison

Source: NY Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/arts/alan-rogan-dead.html>

Activity – Music – [Create a Shoebox Guitar](#)