

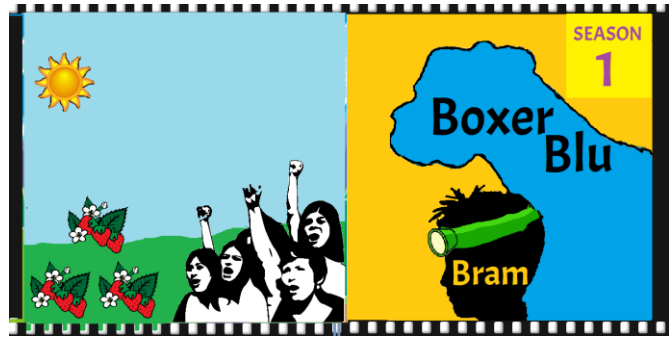
# Little News Ears

## Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: protests, mice, coffee, eggs



Item #1 – Title: ‘Workers in Spain’s Strawberry Fields Speak Out on Abuse’

Author: Aida Alami

Source: The New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/20/world/europe/spain-strawberry-fields-abuse.html>

**Direct Instruction:** Watch a short video about the life of Cesar Chavez, such as [this one](#).

Explain that Cesar Chavez led many people in farms who were unhappy with their lives to protest.

Ask the students what they will do to be *heroes* in their life.

From Scholastic.com: [My Bio Poem](#).

Item #2 – Title: ‘Morning coffee results in \$1,000 fine, expulsion from Venice’

Authors: Palko Karasz

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/20/world/europe/venice-tourists-coffee.html>

**Cooking Fun –** How Do You Make Coffee?

With an Italian Espresso maker (or other simple coffee device), demonstrate to the students how coffee is made. [Show the video: Where Do Coffee Beans Come From?](#)

Item #3 – ‘How to Make a Mouse Hallucinate

Author: Karen Weintraub

Source: Scientific American

Link: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-to-make-a-mouse-hallucinate/>

**Activity: Making Comparisons – Mice Vs. Rats**

1. Ask the students if they know the difference between *mice and rats* and write down some of their ideas.
2. Show them how a Venn diagram, making caring comparisons between two students in your class.
3. Follow [Orkin’s guidelines](#) about some of the differences.
4. Do a [Mouse Maze](#).

**Item #4– Title: ‘Cutting Just 300 Calories A Day Can Have Huge Impact On Your Overall Health, Researchers Say’**

**Author: CBS3 Staff**

**Source: CBS Philly**

**Link:** <https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2019/07/23/cutting-just-300-calories-a-day-can-have-huge-impact-on-your-overall-health-researchers-say/>

**Presentation:** [Sugar Smart World](#)

**Item #5 - Title: ‘Maker Of Archer Farms Egg Salad Sold In Target Issues Recall**

**Author: CBS Boston**

**Source: WBZ CBS Boston**

**Link:** <https://boston.cbslocal.com/2019/07/20/elevation-foods-archer-farms-egg-salad-recall/>

**Direct Instruction: Safety - Why Does Food Spoil?**

1. Talk to the students how they know if food is bad.
2. Watch the video [here](#).
3. Ask the questions on [this page](#).
4. Listen to the students’ answers, then share with them the answers from the page.
5. Make a checklist with the students so they can remember how to test if food has spoiled.