

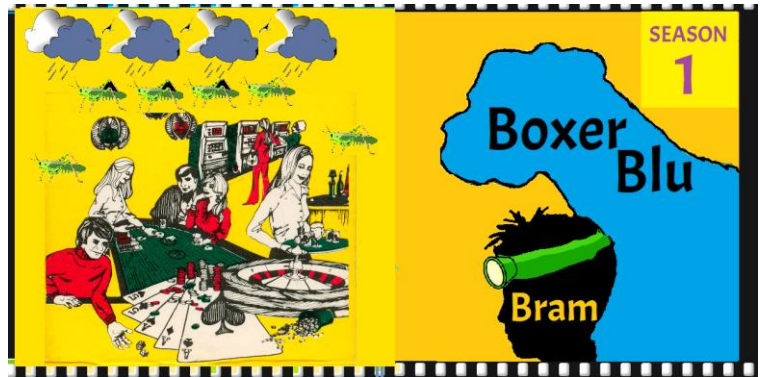
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: grasshoppers, Las Vegas, Ivory Coast, television, beaches



Item #1 – ‘Less Trash, More Schools – One Plastic Brick at a Time’

Authors: Anemona Hartocollis

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/27/world/africa/recycled-plastic-school-building-conceptos-plasticos.html>

Activities – STEAM – Engineering - [Building a House Out of PVC Pipes](#)

Item #2 – Title: ‘Las Vegas Is Being Invaded by Grasshoppers’

Author: Michele Debczak

Source: New York Times

Link: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/591413/las-vegas-invaded-by-grasshoppers>

Readaloud - Grasshoppers - [Are You a Grasshopper?](#) By Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries.

Item #3 – ‘You Are What You Watch? The Social Effects of TV’

Author: Jonathan Rothwell

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/upshot/social-effects-television.html>

Activity – Social Studies – Social Justice and Sesame Street

Preparation: Choose one famous episode of Sesame Street [that focused on inclusion](#) that you feel is appropriate for your children related to the current unit.

1. Watch the episode.
2. Ask your students what they think the lesson of the episode is.
3. Ask if they think the episode will change how they act or think.

Item #4– Title: ‘Report: American Beaches are Brimming with Bacteria’

Author: Jake Rossen

Source: Mental Floss

Link: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/591565/unsafe-water-quality-at-us-beaches>

Activity – STEAM – Science - Chemistry [Water Chemistry Experiment](#)

Item #5 - Title: 'Stunning photo uncovers 'hidden light' of life deep in the ocean'

Author: Christopher Carbone

Source: Fox News

Link: <https://www.foxnews.com/science/stunning-photo-uncovers-hidden-light-of-life-ocean>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Marine Biology – [Make an Underwater Shoebox Scene](#)