

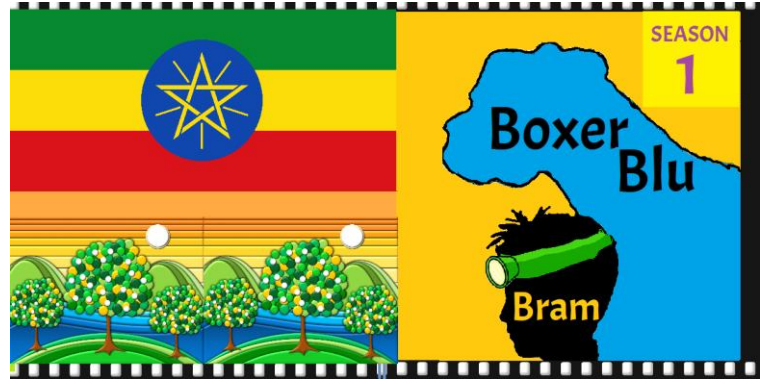
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: Moscow, Mitch McConnell, migrants, Mexico, Ethiopia, St. Louis



Item #1 – “Moscow Mitch’ Tag Enrages McConnell and Squeezes G.O.P. on Election Security’

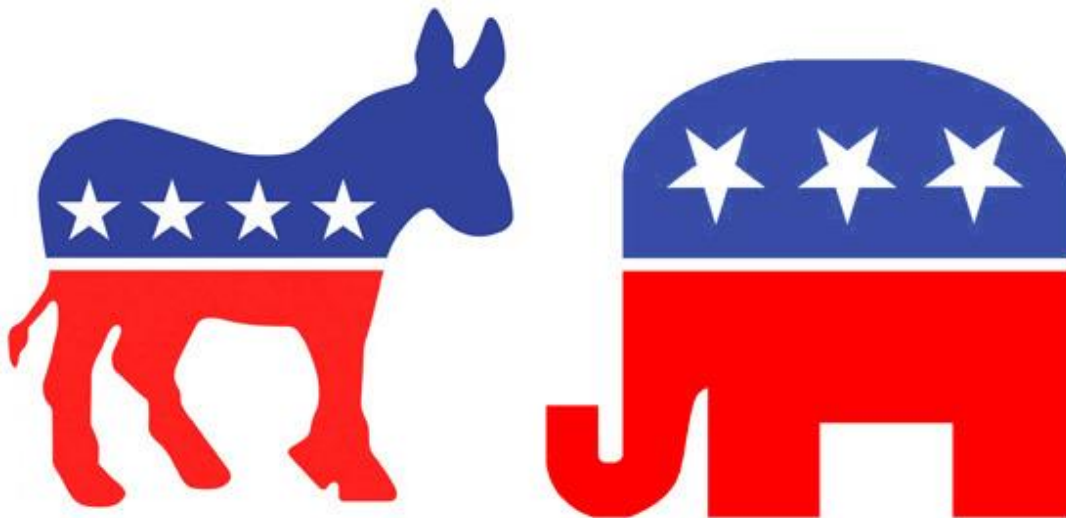
Author: Carl Hulse

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/30/us/politics/moscow-mitch-mcconnell.html>

Activities – Social Studies – Politics – What’s a Democrat? A Republican?

1. Show the students a neutral cartoon of Democratic donkey and a neutral cartoon of a Republican elephant, such as:



2. Explain that, in general, Democrats want the country to change. Republicans want the country to keep traditions.
3. Do a non-controversial example that shows differences in being ‘liberal’ vs. ‘conservative’ such as changing something at the school, such as changing the color of the school to pink.

Item #2 – Title: ‘No More Family Separations, Except These 900’

Author: Miriam Jordan

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/30/us/migrant-family-separations.html>

Activities – SEL – Helping Preschoolers Cope with Separation Anxiety

Item #3 – ‘Capital One Breach Shows a Bank Hacker Needs Just One Gap to Wreak Havoc’

Authors: Stacy Cowley and Nicole Perlroth

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/30/business/bank-hacks-capital-one.html>

Activity – STEAM – Technology Recognizing Viruses

1. Introduce the term ‘virus’ to students.
2. Explain that if you click on things you don’t know about on a computer, the computer can break.
3. Read the book [*Don’t Push My Button* by Bill Cotter](#) and follow the lesson plan.

Item #4 - ‘Ethiopia plants more than 350 million trees in 12 hours’

Author: Sharif Paget and Helen Regan

Source: CNN

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/29/africa/ethiopia-plants-350-million-trees-intl-hnk/index.html>

Activity – STEAM – Science – Climate Change - [Planting and Seeding Activities](#)

Item #5– Title: ‘St. Louis Park Tries Out a Parklet’

Author: Katy Read

Source: Star Tribune

Link: <http://www.startribune.com/st-louis-park-tries-out-a-parklet/513417202/>

Activity – STEAM – Engineering – Build an Arch

1. Learn about [The Gateway Arch](#)
2. With blocks, corks, or other materials, see how the students could build an arch.