

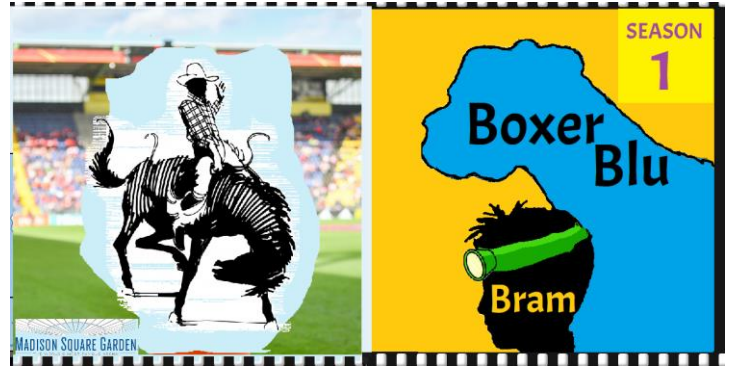
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

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Keywords: a rodeo in NYC, dog parks not good, Babylonian math trick, mudlarking in London



Item #1 – ‘The quiet moments before a bone-rattling bull ride’

Author: Devin Yalkin and Andrew Rossback

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/01/24/sports/bull-riding-madison-square-garden.html>

Activities – Language Arts [Western-Themed Writing Templates](#)

Item #2 – Title: ‘The Dog Park is Bad, Actually’

Author: Sassafra Lowrey

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/03/climate/fireflies-mating-light-pollution.html>

Activities – STEAM – Science – Observation and Seeking Evidence for a Claim: Visiting a Dog Park

1. The article makes several assertions about a dog park. For instance, the author states that many dogs aren’t carefully watched by their owners. As a class, choose one assertion of the article and plan to test it by visiting a dog park.
2. As a class, decide what metrics you will use to determine whether the article’s assertion is true.
3. Find a way to record observations, such as using a tally sheet.
4. Visit the dog park and make observations and take photographs.
5. When you return to class, determine whether the author’s assertions seem true based on your observations.

Item #3 – Title: ‘This Professor’s ‘Amazing’ Trick Makes Quadratic Equations Easier’

Author: Kenneth Chang and Jonathan Corum

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/05/science/quadratic-equations-algebra.html>

Activity – STEAM - Math [Teaching Algebraic Thinking to Young Children](#)

Item #4–“Mudlarks Scour the Thames to Uncover 2,000 Years of Secrets”

Author: Megan Specia

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/12/world/europe/london-thames-mudlarks.html>

Activity – Social Studies - History – [Build an Ancient Roman Road](#)

Item #5 - “Mysterious radio signal from space is repeating every 16 days’

Author: Ashley Strickland

Source: CNN

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/11/world/repeating-fast-radio-burst-pattern-scn-trnd/index.html>

Activity – Science - Astronomy [Build a Spaceship](#)