

# Little News Ears

## Lesson Plan Suggestions

**BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds**

**Season 1 – Episode 52** – March 8, 2020

**Keywords:** How animals ‘vote,’ Biden’s Super Tuesday, Daylights Savings and car crashes



Item #1 – ‘Sneezing Dogs, Dancing Bees: How Animals Vote’

Author: Elizabeth Preston

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/science/animals-voting-elections.html>

**Activities – STEAM - Science – Zoology** [If We Could Talk to the Animals](#)

Item #2 – Title: ‘Biden surges to victory across Super Tuesday map, as Sanders claims delegate prize in California’

Author: Fox News

Source: Fox News

Link: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/super-tuesday-results>

**Activities – STEAM – Math** – [Basic Probability](#)

Item #3 – Title: “Deadly car crashes spike across US right after daylight saving time, researchers say”

Author: Charles Duncan

Source: Miami Herald

Link: <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article239832738.html>

**Activity – STEAM - Math** [Make Your Own Clock](#)

Item #4 – “Rosalind P. Walter, original ‘Rosie the Riveter,’ dies at 95’

Author: Doha Madani

NBC News

Link: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/obituaries/rosalind-p-walter-original-rosie-riveter-dies-95-n1151031>

**Activity – STEAM – Science - Psychology** – Rosie the Riveter: Propaganda for Kindergartners

1. Ask the students if they have ever seen a TV commercial, such as [these](#).
2. Ask the students what the commercials are trying to get the students to buy.
3. Once the students seem to understand what the product of each commercial is, show them the [Rosie the Riveter poster](#).
4. Ask the students if the poster is trying to get the students to buy something. Answer: No.
5. Ask the students what the poster is trying to get the viewers of the poster to do.

6. After listening to some answers, teach that this poster is an example of propaganda – a poster trying to get people to do something.
7. Tell the story of [Rosalind Walter](#).
8. Play the song '[Rosie the Riveter](#)'
9. Show the students the Rosie the Riveter poster again and ask them what they think it is asking the viewer to do.
10. Make sure that the students learn the following:
  - A long time ago, women weren't allowed to do the same types of things that men could.
  - During a big war (World War 2), America needed women to work in factories.
  - Rosalind Walter was one of these women who did this
  - 'Rosie the Riveter' was produced to encourage other women to work in factories
  - It is an example of propaganda.
11. Have the students reflect whether this example of propaganda had a good effect or a bad effect.

Item #5 - "[Coronavirus: Black Light Photos Show Importance of Washing Hands Amid Outbreak](#)"

Author: Sarah Young

Source: The Independent

Link: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/coronavirus-wash-hands-correctly-photos-black-light-germs-a9384321.html>

**Activity – STEAM - Science – Healthy Living** [Wash Your Hands](#)