

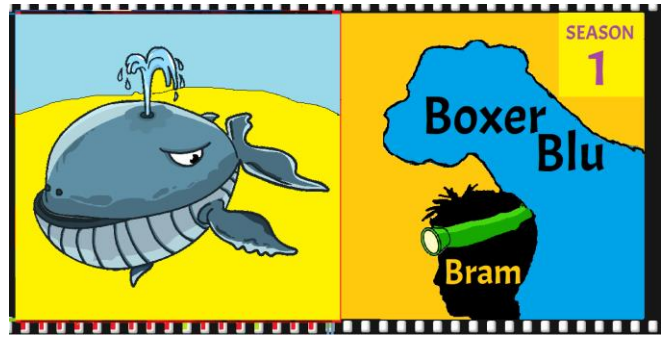
Little News Ears

Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds

Season 1 – Episode 9 - July 18, 2019

Keywords: beached whales, heat wave



Item #1 – Title: 'Heat Wave to Hit Two-Thirds of the U.S. Here's What to Expect.'

Author: Farah Stockman

Source: The New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/us/weather-heat-wave.html>

Activity: Brainstorming - Safety – How Do We Keep Cool in a Heat Wave?

1. Brainstorm with the students what they think they should to keep cool during a heat wave.
2. Go over 6 basics:
 1. Stay inside.
 2. Stay near air conditioning
 3. Stay hydrated.
 4. Drink cool drinks.
 5. Tell Mom or Dad if you are sick

Item #2 – Title: 'Google Glass May Have an Afterlife as a Device to Teach Autistic Children

Authors: Cade Metz

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/technology/google-glass-device-treat-autism.html>

Activity: Developing Creativity – Make a Magic Periscope

Materials: paint, paper, toilet paper rolls for all students

1. Explain and show pictures of telescopes, periscopes, and kaleidoscopes.
2. Explain how Google Glass is like a 'scope' to help autistic children understand to see people smile.
3. Brainstorm with the children something that they wish they could see with their eyes.
4. Help the students color and design 'magic' scopes that show them what they want to see.
5. Allow the students to share with the class what their magic scope shows them.

Item #3 – 'Rome, Tourist Heaven, Is Awash in Bird Poop and Garbage'

Author: Barbie Latza Nadeau

Source: The Daily Beast

Link: <https://www.thedailybeast.com/rome-tourist-heaven-is-awash-in-bird-poop-and-garbage>

Activity: Developing Creativity – Art from Trash

1. Ask your students' parents to send in 'clean' trash from home.

2. With glue, paint, and the trash, have the students create art.
3. Encourage the students to explain their art and to reflect upon it as they create it.

Item #4– Title: 'Dramatic video shows Georgia beachgoers rescuing dozens of beached whales'

Author: Sophie Lewis

Source: CBS News

Link: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/st-simons-beached-whales-rescued-by-beachgoers-georgia-2019-07-17/>

Activities: [Whale Activities from Scholastic.com](#)