

news {..BYTES..}

for eEditions

grades 2-5

1 Vitamin D

Vitamin D is an ingredient in food that children need to develop strong bones. Kids can get it by drinking milk and by eating dairy products like cheese and different kinds of fish. Yet at least one in five U.S. children aged 1 to 11 don't get enough Vitamin D, according to a new study. As a result, they could be at risk for a variety of health problems, including weak bones, higher blood pressure and a risk of being overweight. In the food ads in the eEdition, find dairy and fish products offered for sale. Plan a menu for two meals that would use include these products and give kids and families plenty of Vitamin D. Try to be as creative as you can in your menus!

Learning Standards: Acquiring information from multiple sources and then organizing and analyzing it; comprehending what constitutes good health and nutrition; responding to a variety of texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others.

2 Smiling Obamas

The family of the president of the United States is called the nation's First Family. And every First Family gets to have an "official" family photograph. The photo for President Barack Obama's family has just been released, and it is full of hugs and smiles. In the photo by world-famous photographer Annie Leibowitz, the President is smiling with his family in the White House, his 8-year-old daughter Sasha has her arm around his shoulders and 11-year-old Malia is shown perched on the arm of First Lady Michelle Obama's chair, giving her a hug. Photos often can reveal a lot about people. Find a photo of a person in the eEdition. Write down all the things the photo tells you about the person.

Learning Standards: Responding to a variety of visual, written and electronic texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

3 Woof!

People are always looking for ways to protect themselves from danger. But a Georgia woman is getting praise for using her imagination to frighten off a burglar — by acting like a dog! According to police in Athens, Georgia, the woman took action when a strange man tried turning the doorknob of her front door. The woman got down on the floor, began scratching at the door and making dog noises and the would-be burglar ran off. Find a story in the eEdition of another person doing an unusual thing. Use what you find to write the beginning of a creative story of your own.

Learning Standard: Writing fluently for multiple purposes to produce compositions, such as stories, poetry, personal narratives, editorials, research reports, persuasive essays, resumes and memos.

4 Conjunction Search

The Search and Advanced Search features of the eEdition are a great tool for finding information. They also are a great tool for building word power. Conjunctions are words that connect words, phrases, clauses or sentences. Examples include "and," "but," "if" or "when." Use the search features of the eEdition to find which conjunctions are used most often in news writing. Search for "and," "but," "if" or "when" and at least two other conjunctions you choose as a class. Share your findings as a class and discuss.

Learning Standards: Using technology tools to enhance learning and increase creativity; becoming proficient with the use of technology; describing the impact of technology use on individuals at home, at school and in the workplace.

5 Speed on the Sea

When America's military forces need to move, they often have to move fast. That is true for fighter jets in the air and warships on the sea. To move forces as fast as possible, two giant new warships have been developed for the U.S. Navy that can go as fast as cars speeding down a highway. The 418-foot

Independence and the 378-foot Freedom can each go more than 50 miles per hour at sea — even though each is longer than a football field! Both ships use diesel engines and gas turbines to get the extra speed the Navy needs, and they are built to be able to travel waters on the coasts of nations. That would help the Navy fight pirates as well as military opponents. As a class, talk about the things the U.S. military does for the nation. Then find stories about activities of the military in the eEdition. Design a poster showing one of these activities and how it helps the nation.

Learning Standard: Reading and writing fluently, speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately, viewing critically and representing creatively.

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