



Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening

Pre-K

Kindergarten

Grades 1-3

Extra! Extra! Newspaper Book Review

Literacy Skills / Comprehension



Materials

1. Newspapers for children to preview

2. Sample book reviews

Deadline from News to Newspaper by Gail Gibbons

The Furry News: How to make a newspaper by Loreen Leedy

▶ Virginia SOLs

1.9, 1.12, 2.8, 2.11

Procedure

1. In this activity, children act as reporters and write a newspaper book review.
2. Review with students how a reporter writes and how newspapers are formatted. Discuss how reporters choose intriguing words. Students will want to choose words that make their book sound so exciting others will want to read it, too.
3. Integrate the books' covers when formatting the students' newspaper articles. You may photocopy the covers of the books, find images of the covers online, or take a picture of the student reading the book.
4. Work with students to develop a snazzy headline for their article. A good way to begin the brainstorming process is to have students think of what is most exciting about their book and make that the focus. In the sample you provide, you may choose not to reveal how the story ends - a common convention of book reviews.