

Making the Front Page

Goal: To practice informative writing styles. Work together with a group. Create something that is fun and collaborative.

Directions: This week you will be working in a group of 2 or 3 creating the front page of a newspaper. You will work on layout and design, but also writing the content. Your job is going to be writing like a newspaper reporter, so you will be turning off the emotion and reporting the facts. You will have an informative lead that starts broad and narrows down to details. The paper should be done on Friday and ready to go to press.

An “A” paper should have each of the following

- An article written by each member in your group.
- Catchy headlines that hook the reader.
- A solid “lead” that isn’t buried.
- Photos and entertaining writing.

Ideas: You could write your front page of the paper on whatever creatively motivates you, or you could choose one of the following options.

- The Sports Page... research and report on some new athletic happenings. Tell us about an athlete, team, or big win.
- The entertainment section... research and report on a new album, band, or musician. Tell us what is going on in the music industry.
- Arts and Entertainment... Give us some up to date information on the newest fashion and art scene.
- Front Page... Clue the world in on some recent events and global happenings.
- Make it up... write articles on the resent zombie invasion, the Mayan end of the world, or over aggressive dolphins (Devon).
- Outdoor Section... Tell me about new snow, record breaking ski descents, or profile an athlete.

Timeline

Monday: How to set up an article, not bury a lead, and hook a reader. Brainstorm with group get ideas.

Tuesday/ Wednesday: Making a layout/ storyboard. Time to write.

Wednesday/ Thursday: Writing, Printing, and Publishing.

Friday: Present, hand back other papers... someone gets a strudel.