

Especially for students & teachers to use in July ...

Four Square: NIE Activities for the Basics

Language Arts

The first U.S. postage stamps were issued on **July 1, 1847**. Stamps often honor famous people. Look through your newspaper and select a notable individual whom you think is deserving of such an honor and design a postage stamp for him or her. Write a paragraph explaining why you chose this

person. Print out or copy

both your stamp and your paragraph onto a single sheet of paper. Exchange papers and discuss selections with your friends.



Math

Orville Redenbacher was born on **July 16, 1907**. Try some of Orville's famous product and plan a newspaper advertising campaign to market it to people your age. Design display ads and articles that promote its tasty and healthful properties. Test your ads and articles on other consumers in your age group and adjust your efforts accordingly. What

percentage of your test-market group would be inclined to buy this product after being exposed to your marketing campaign?



Science/Technology

Television Journalist John Chancellor was born on **July 14, 1927**. He died in July, 1996. Since then, what has changed in the technology of news-gathering? Use a variety of sources to research new developments in this field since 1996. What do you feel has been the most significant technological change in

news-gathering and reporting in that time? Read about John Chancellor and speculate as to how he would have reacted to this change.



Social Studies

On **July 18, 1947**, President Truman signed an executive order setting the order of succession to the U.S. presidency if the president and vice-president were removed. This order remains in effect today. Who is second in line to the White House? Read all the newspaper articles you can find about

this person and make a list of all the qualities that you feel would make this individual an effective chief executive.



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National Learning Standards Addressed: *Language Arts* #4 Adjustment of the use of spoken, written and visual language ... to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences. #12 Use of spoken, visual and written language for ... learning, enjoyment, persuasion and the exchange of information. (*National Council of Teachers of English/International Reading Association List of Standards for the English Language Arts, 1996.*) *Science/Technology* Levels K-12 Abilities of technological design. (*National Academy Press, National Science Education Standards, 1996.*) *Math* #1 Numbers and Operations. #4 Measurement. #9 Connections. (*Principles and Standards for School Mathematics, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Discussion Draft, 1998.*) *Social Studies* Strand VI Power, authority and Governance. (*Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, National Council for the Social Studies, 1999.*)