

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

Four Square: NIE Activities for the Basics

Language Arts

September 8 is International Literacy Day. What does the word “literacy” mean? Consult the dictionary and write a definition that makes sense to you. Look through your newspaper this week for programs or people involved in improving literacy for persons in your community. Create a literacy bulletin board with what you find. Discuss with classmates what you can do to help and make a list of the actions that you might take to further the cause of literacy.



Math

On **September, 30, 1927**, Babe Ruth set a single-season home run record that would last until 1961. Check today’s newspaper to learn the name of the current home-run “king.” Compare his number of homers and the number of games he played to those of Babe Ruth at the time of his record-breaking hit. Calculate the rate of home runs for each player, or the average of homers hit per games played. Draw charts or graphs to show the comparison and explain.



Science/Technology

September is National 5-A-Day Month. Design a poster promoting the consumption of more fruits and vegetables by people of all ages. Use pictures from newspaper ads, showing the best prices for the week and include nutritional information for the food items included. Make up a catchy slogan and appealing color scheme to convince people to take your advice seriously. Ask friends to critique your work.



Social Studies

September is National Civics Awareness Month. Ask classmates, friends and family what they think are the duties of a good citizen. Assemble a list and then work with your class to rank them according to importance. Find newspaper pictures of people being good citizens and add them to your ext. Compile all of this information into a “Civics Handbook” and design a colorful cover.



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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 Personal health. (*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 X Civic Ideals and Practices. (*Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, National Council for the Social Studies, 1999.*)