

# Newspaper in Education

Programs for Teachers from the Press-Telegram

## Hints from Teachers Who Use the Newspaper

*You and your students are in for some exciting times using the newspaper. The newspaper is a "living textbook," for the news is fresh everyday. And the newspaper has something for everyone. Here are a few timesaving tips for the days you order a classroom set of newspapers.*

- 1) Have some background yourself about the newspaper before you introduce it to your students.... what it covers, how news is gathered and what responsibilities it assumes along with its freedoms.
- 2) Order enough papers to provide one for each student. Have them sign their name in a designated spot on the front page and the newspapers can be used over a period of several days.
- 3) Explore the sections, one at a time, with your students along with the page numbering and how to find things. Introduce and use correct newspaper terminology.
- 4) Allow time for distribution of the newspapers, free reading time for the students before you embark on a teacher-directed lesson, and clean up time.
- 5) A guest speaker from the newspaper is added incentive for newspaper reading.
- 6) Encourage students to take the newspapers home when you're finished for continued reading and discussion with their families.
- 7) Keep it simple. You don't have to dwell over complicated lesson plans. If you are familiar with the skills you are working on (main idea, fact and opinion, grammar, etc.), you will develop a keen eye for seeing how the newspaper can help you teach them.