



WEATHER MAP-I tell the children that I am having a family get-together the next weekend and was thinking of having an outdoor picnic. I ask them to look at the weather map and tell me if they think it is a good idea or not.

Children have to use the weather page and find the day, the forecasted temperature, the probability of precipitation, etc. to give me their answer.

TV GRID-Children cannot just tell us the name of their favorite TV show when we look at the newspaper! They have to give hints using the TV grid: e.g., the show is on Thursdays, it starts at 8 p.m. and is over at 9 p.m., etc. The class has to use the grid to discover each other's favorite shows.

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Language Arts

#3 Application of a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate and appreciate texts.

#12 Use of spoken, visual and written language for ... learning, enjoyment, persuasion and the exchange of information.

Source: National Council of Teachers of English/ International Reading Association List of Standards for the English Language Arts, 1996.

Science/Technology

Grades K-4 Earth and Space Science: Changes in earth and sky.

Source National Academy Press, National Science Education Standards, 1996.

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