

The Mini Page

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Award-Winning Books

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standard:

- Students comprehend and respond to a variety of images and text. (Language Arts: Reading)

Activities:

1. Pick a picture from each of these sections of the newspaper: front section news, local news, sports, entertainment or lifestyle section. Paste the pictures on a piece of paper. Now write a sentence describing a story that would include all of the pictures on your sheet.
2. In the newspaper, circle all the items you think Meg Medina and Sophie Blackall might use in their work for children's books.
3. Match each of these titles with a friend or family member that you think might like that book:
 - *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* is about a 6th-grade girl who helps a new student.
 - *Hello, Lighthouse* is about what happens every day in a lighthouse.
 - *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* is a story about the different phases of the moon.
 - *Thank You, Omu!* is about a grandmother who makes very good stew and shares it.
 - *The Night Dairy* is about a family that must move to another country.
4. The John Newbery Medal is awarded for writing. Select a headline from your newspaper and write a paragraph describing a story you might write about it.
5. The Randolph Caldecott Medal is awarded for picture books. Use pictures from the newspaper to create a book cover for a story you would like to write. Be sure to include your title on the cover.

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