

Exercise Your Intelligences

The week of March 3 through 7 is Newspaper in Education Week, a special week set aside to call attention to how valuable your local newspaper can be.

Using the newspaper in the classroom helps teachers teach and students learn with valuable, up-to-date material.

The newspaper can really be a good "gym" for your brain. By using it, you can strengthen your intelligences and discover some you might not even know you have.

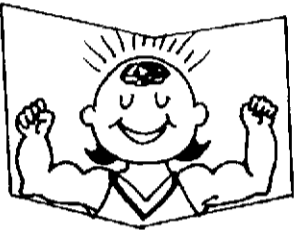


These Girl Scouts in New Cumberland, Pa., play a learning game with the newspaper.

photo by Gary Dwight Miller, The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa.

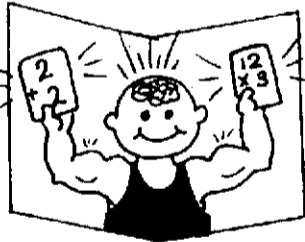


Everyone has all eight intelligences and can develop each intelligence so it is useful. We probably use more than one intelligence to do any task.



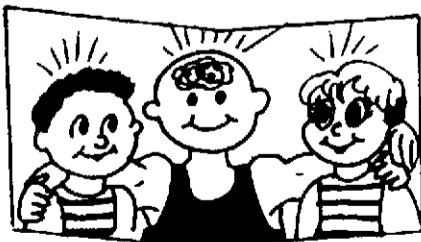
To build math and reasoning strength:

- Look at the weather report for a week. Make a chart of the temperatures. Make a separate chart of the rain or snowfall. Is there a relationship between the temperature and the rain or snow?
- Look in the classified ads. Find three things you would like to have. Figure out how much money you would need to buy all three.



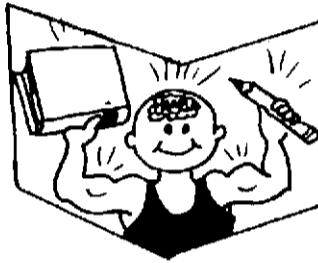
To build people strength:

- Find stories about people in need. Organize your class to help them. For example, collect and deliver cans of food for the homeless.



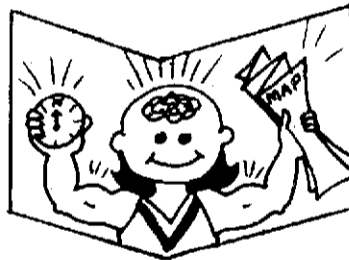
To build word strength:

- Write a fictional story about a news event.
- Find a job in the classifieds you might like. Write a letter applying for that job.



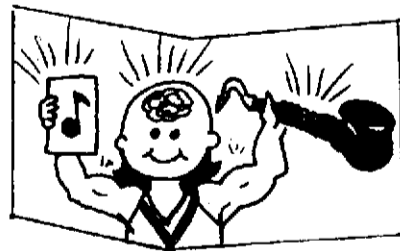
To build space strength:

- Find a house-for-sale ad in the classified section. Draw a picture of how it might look. Draw the house plans.
- Cut apart the front page. Come up with a new layout.



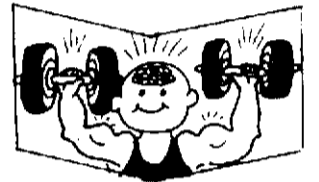
To build music strength:

- Write a song about a picture you see.



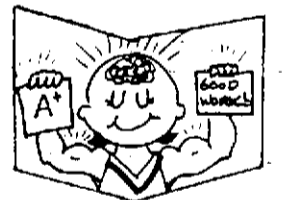
To build body strength:

- Act out what's happening in a photograph. Then act out the actions that would come next.
- Act out one of the stories. Ask the class to guess which story you are re-enacting.
- Create a dance that expresses your feelings about one of the stories.



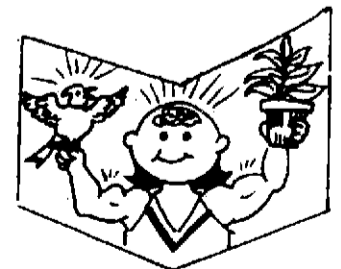
To build self strength:

- Find a story that might help you make a decision about something.
- Find something in a classified ad you would like to buy or do. Draw a picture or write a story about it.



To build nature strength:

- Find stories about the environment. Develop a plan to help.
- Look for ads about plants and gardening. Choose some plants to grow in your classroom. Keep a journal about which ones grow best indoors.



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Next week, The Mini Page takes an A to Z tour of Ireland.

Next Week . . .

Ireland from A to Z