



CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

To enhance creativity in students, increase their ability to express, develop an interest in art, culture and literature, to be aware of the country-world-state and the society, the value of 'student newspaper' is beyond measure. Through this innovation, student's reading and writing abilities improve. Leadership qualities are inculcated and a sense of self-confidence develops in students who are weak in reading, writing, and speaking. The student's newspaper registers student's daily activities and it also reflects the activities of the students on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis. Publishing student's self-composed writings in the monthly and annual edition can improve the writing skills beyond imagination. This is an innovation where students would get an opportunity to improve their art and their expression will become more confident.

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FOCUS AREAS

1. The environment of Self-learning in Class/School
2. An Appropriate and Helpful environment for the Students
3. Establishing a Daily Reporting Structure in School

APPLICABILITY: It can be implemented in junior and middle schools.

SUMMARY

1. It has been observed that there is a deficiency in effective reporting in schools, which can lead to many problems. Because of behavioural difficulties, many daily activities of students are not recorded in forms. The student newspaper is a good initiative in this direction. Keeping a student's perspective in mind, this newspaper brings out problems which the students face and solutions to them.
2. Similar to a regular newspaper, the student newspaper also showcases the achievements, problems and school incidents and shares them with the students. Students collect news of the day's activities. To achieve this, students need to be present in the school along with being alert. A lot of problems faced by the school are highlighted. Teachers understand various

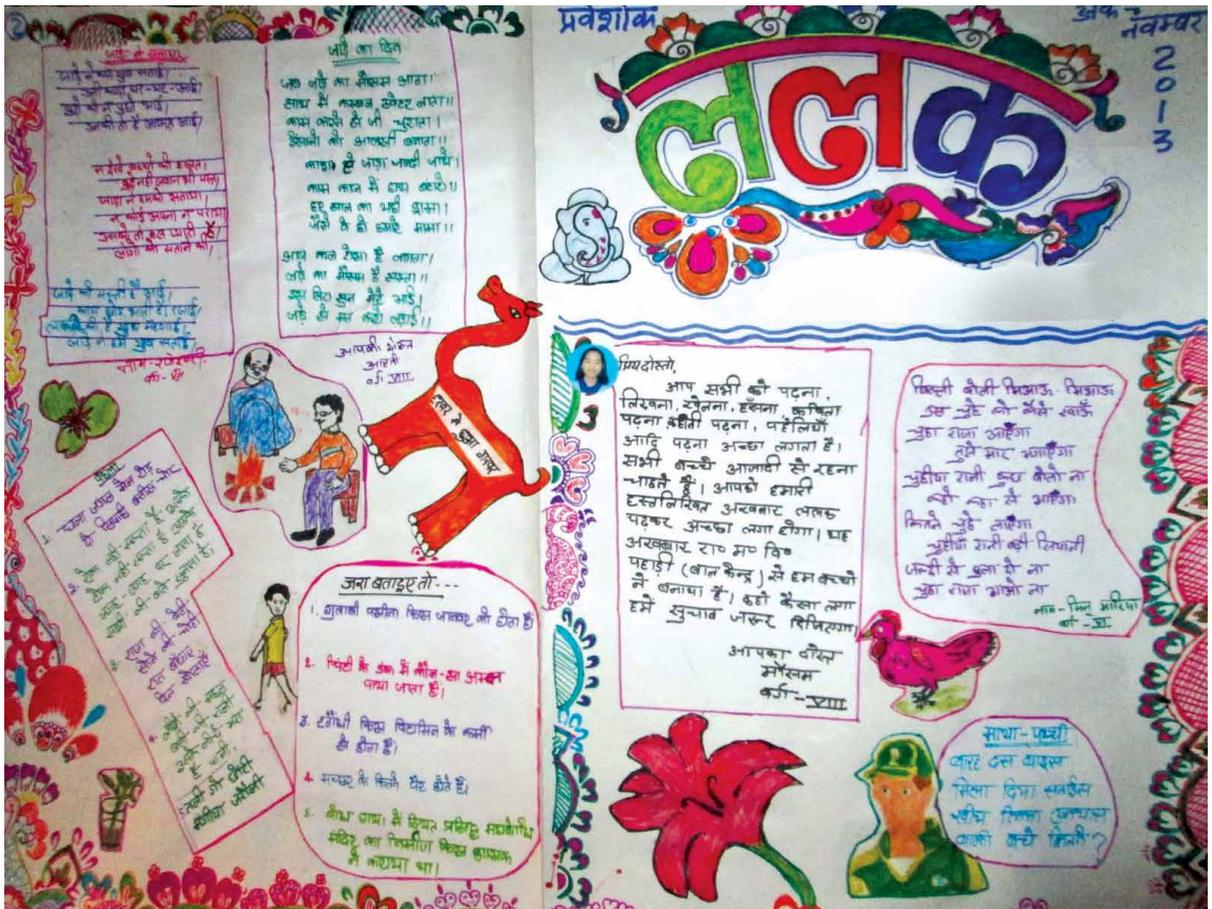
issues faced by students' in areas such as sports, scouts-related, milk, fruit, books, dress, teacher's presence and teaching-related problems and try to address them.

3. By reading other newspapers, if students include two to three national, state and local news in their papers, their knowledge of current affairs will definitely increase.
4. Printing essays, stories, poems, pictures, cartoons, etc., in the monthly or the annual edition, definitely improves the personality of the student. They must be encouraged from time-to-time to do take part in these activities.



IMPLEMENTATION

1. Students must be told about the basic draft of the newspaper.
2. After gaining this expertise, students develop the student's newspaper



including in it topics such as mid-day meals, student-attendance, teacher-attendance, sports activities, and teaching quality.

- All students are made to serve as the editor in rotation every week and rest of the students help the editor.
- The editor coordinates and edits the news while the correspondents present the news.
- About 15-20 minutes before the school closes, the editor of the student newspaper reads out the newspaper. The editor tries to find solutions to the problems appearing in the newspaper. Such as, study-related problems, mid-day meals, sports-related problems, any differences between students, etc.

NEWS/INFORMATION FORMAT

- Name of the student:
Class.....Day..... Date.....
- Student Attendance Related**
(Total Students:
Present:)
- Mid-day Meal Related**
(What was cooked:
.....quality of:food)
- Scout and Sports
- Teaching and Teacher Attendance
- Any special incident like special guest's arrival, accidents, inspection, etc.

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Student's Name: Ashish

Class: 8 Day: Wednesday Date: 7 February 2018

- Today in my class, 25 students out of 35 were present.
- Today, we got rice pudding and we were checked for cleanliness (nails, hair, and dress).
- Monkeys uprooted two plants in the school.
- During assembly, all teachers were present.
- Today the Kabaddi team was selected and students faced tough competition to get selected for it.



- Today Atul and Rajesh had a nasty argument in the class.
- Measurements for our new uniform were taken today.
In this way, students and teachers work like reflections of each other because, in this innovative method, both students and teachers are constantly assessed.

BENEFITS

- The reporting form improves the school.
- The student newspaper helps in giving a sense of independence to a student's personality.
- This improves the student's attendance. It also improves their language skills along with the leadership abilities.
- Active interaction improves along with decision-making and writing skills.
- Students are filled with curiosity, productivity, and enthusiasm. This innovation converts the negative energy of the students into productive engagements.
- Student newspaper improves the leadership abilities, lessens their hesitation, and improves their self-confidence.

Note: Daily Student Newspaper can be changed from daily edition to a monthly or annual edition where students can contribute their self-composed articles. ■