



Page	Title	Summary and Discussion Points	Content Area
2	Agreement reached in Middle East	Israel and Hamas, which have been at war in Gaza since October 7, 2023, have carried out the first phase of an agreement that officials hope will lead to a lasting peace. Can you find this region on a world map? How did the war start?	Social Studies
3	Nobel Peace Prize is awarded	On October 10, Maria Corina Machado, a political leader in Venezuela, received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work fighting for democracy. What is the Nobel Peace Prize? Why, if at all, was Machado a good choice to receive the award?	Social Studies
4	California takes action on school meals	Many ultraprocessed foods will be removed from school lunches in California over the next 10 years as part of a new law targeting unhealthy menu items. What are examples of ultraprocessed foods? Why is California taking this historic step?	Health
5	Spiky, armored dinosaur discovered	Scientists have identified an unusual new dinosaur with 3-foot-long spikes jutting from its neck. What are you most curious about related to this dinosaur? How does it benefit our lives to learn about animals from the past?	Science
21	Bad Bunny to perform at Super Bowl	The NFL (National Football League), Apple Music, and Roc Nation have announced that award-winning Latin music star Bad Bunny will headline the 2026 Apple Music Super Bowl LX Halftime Show. Who would you like to perform at the next Super Bowl? How do you think the organizers choose the performers?	Music

FEATURE OF THE WEEK JUNIOR: Book club ... (page 23)

Invite students to look at this week's feature and answer the questions.

1. What do all of the featured books have in common?
2. How would you describe the elements of a book review?
3. Which featured book would you most want to read and why?
4. Read one of the featured books, and write your own "Book club-style" review.

	DEBATE	CREATE
ARTICLE	"Has Halloween gotten too scary?" (page 8)	"Believing in poetry" (page 9)
VOCABULARY	ward, depicting, spookiness, terrifying	acclaimed, poet laureate, human impact, translations
ACTIVITY	Use a free mind-mapping platform, like MindMup , to create an online space for discussion. Begin by posting the statement, "Halloween has gotten too scary," and include links to resources students can use for evidence. Ask students to post three responses on the platform, with at least one in support and one against the statement. Then, have them respond to two of their classmates' posts. Once everyone has posted, ask students to review the full discussion and summarize their conclusions, citing evidence from the online conversation.	Challenge student groups to define poetry and to identify different types and elements of poetry. Invite groups to read the article and the poem, First Snow , by Arthur Sze. What type of poem is it? How would they describe the poem's elements? As stated in the article, Sze's poems are largely based on nature and the human impact on the natural world. Introduce the haiku to students, and challenge them to choose a subject in nature they would like to observe and write a haiku about. Direct them to observe the subject and write ideas, words, and observations. Begin crafting the haiku focusing on rhythm, clarity, and flow. Be sure to use figurative language. Say the haiku out loud to ensure that it sounds smooth. Revise until groups are happy with their final products.
EXTEND	Learn about the history and origins of Halloween .	Learn more about Arthur Sze .

	ACT	CONNECT
ARTICLE	"Your turn" (page 28)	"Bad Bunny to perform at Super Bowl" (p. 21)
VOCABULARY	fundraiser, deed, foundation, anniversary	reggaeton, genre, economy, culture
ACTIVITY	Ask students to read the articles in "Your turn" and summarize what they are about. Invite students to list five things they've recently done to help others, to list reasons to help others, to describe how they feel when others help them, and to describe the risk of people not helping one another. Then, challenge students to create a campaign to inspire kids their age to do "five good deeds." Their campaign should include a list of reasons students should want to help other people, groups or causes; specific ways students can get involved in helping others in the community; and a way to track their deeds. Encourage students to share their good deeds on the school announcements, on social media posts, or in posters around the school.	Ask students if they have ever watched the Super Bowl Halftime Show and what they remember. Why are certain performers selected? Direct them to read the article, and highlight reasons Bad Bunny was selected. Then, challenge them to imagine they have been asked to write a letter to persuade a second performer to perform at this year's show. Encourage them to choose a performer and identify reasons someone might want to perform at the Super Bowl. Have them do research to gather facts or examples to support their reasons. Their arguments should appeal to the audience. Introduce ethos, pathos, and logos . Direct them to write an introduction that captures the audience's attention, craft sentences that use persuasive language and reasoning, and then summarize their position.
EXTEND	Invite students to " do something " in their community.	Learn 50 facts about Bad Bunny .

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