

# April 2008

## Newspaper Learning Activities



Earth Day is April 22. First observed in 1970, it's become a worldwide event. Find news about the planet and decide if we are taking good care of our home. Visit [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) for information.

**National Poetry Month**  
Create a poem using words from the headlines. Read it aloud during a classroom "poetry slam."



**1** April Fools Day started in France in 1564 when New Year's Day was changed to Jan. 1 from April 1. Find an April Fool's joke in today's paper.



**4** Vitamin C was first isolated in 1932. Summarize a news story of a medical breakthrough.



**7** Explore Your Career Options Week-Use the Help Wanted ads to find five jobs you're interested in. Write a letter to each employer asking for information.

**8** The Buddha's birthday is an important Buddhist holiday. Find a story about religion in the news.

**11** Ugandan anniversary of the overthrow of dictator Idi Amin in 1979. Find news about an African country.



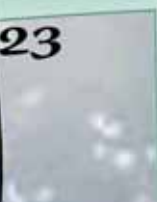
**14** Noah Webster published dictionary in 1828. Find a word you don't know in the newspaper. Use a dictionary to learn it.



**18** San Francisco Earthquake 1906- Find a natural disaster in the news.



**21** 21-28-Intl. TV Turn-off Week-Use the newspaper to find other things to do this week.



**25** Interstate Mullet Toss-Fish flingers compete in Alabama & Florida to see who can toss a dead fish the farthest. Find a fun sports story and compare the sport to the fish toss.



**29** Dale Earnhardt, Sr.'s birthday. Is there any NASCAR news in the paper?

**30** Bugs Bunny first appeared in 1938. Which newspaper comic character is most like you? Compare on a T-chart.

