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Daily Newsletter Ideas

1. Dictation from students

2. Students draw pictures

3. Choral reading of each entry after it is written

- a. write dictation from the class - read chorally
- b. picture is drawn - discuss picture, then read chorally

4. Brain seeking patterns

- a. have students look for words with a specific pattern or phonic element
- b. have students find words they know
- c. have students find words from 100 frequently used word list

5. Oral comprehension questions about each of the entries

6. Newsletter readers

- a. different students read individual lines
- b. different students read the whole newsletter
- c. three volunteers per day - keep list of who read on what date

7. End of day

- a. class reads chorally the newsletter
- b. small groups read the newsletter

8. Next day

- a. read the newsletter chorally at the beginning of the day
- b. share who they read their newsletter to - graph the information



9. Newsletter book

Keep copies of each newsletter that becomes part of an expanding book.
Would keep several in the classroom as well as one in the school library.

10. Extras

At the bottom of the newsletter there is room for a variety of extras.
Examples include: parent news, riddles, school news, idiom of the day, students who didn't have a birthday today, community news, helpful hints, synonym triplets, and words with a pattern. Changing the bottom entry is an excellent means of keeping the newsletter consistent, yet changing.