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for eEditions

grades 2-5

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Hall of Famer

Guy Bluford made history as the first African American to fly in space for the United States. Now he has made history again. The 67-year-old Bluford has been elected to the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in the state of Florida. Bluford made history for America's NASA space agency in 1983 when he joined the crew of the first space shuttle mission to launch and land at night. He later flew three other space missions for NASA before retiring in 1993. As a class, talk about the skills and personality a person needs to be an astronaut. Then find another job in the eEdition that requires some of the same skills. Draw a comic strip showing someone using those skills on the job.

Learning Standards: Identifying and explaining how people demonstrate good character and personal virtue; acquiring information from multiple sources; using the craft of the illustrator to express ideas artistically.

2

eEdition Suffixes

Electronic editions allow you to search their content for stories or topics that interest you. This ability to search also can help you build vocabulary and word skills. You can search, for example, to see how many times a word appears in the paper. Or you can search to see how many times a suffix appears. As a class, review how suffixes are added to the end of words to change their meaning. Some common ones are "able," "ity," "ment," "tion," "ive" or "less." As a class, discuss which you think are used most often. Then search today's eEdition to see how often different suffixes appear. Show your findings as a bar graph or chart.

Learning Standards: Using technology tools to enhance learning; understanding the operations and functions of technology systems and becoming proficient in the use of technology.

3

Flying Circles

There are many shapes in the world – squares, circles, triangles and more. Pick a shape you like. Then hunt through today's eEdition and print out objects, pictures or images in that shape. Paste your printouts onto stiff paper and then create an art mobile. Label each piece with a word that you think of when you see the shape.

Learning Standards: Representing creatively; classifying common objects and substances according to observable attributes, including color, size, shape, smell, hardness, texture, flexibility, length, weight, buoyancy, states of matter or magnetic properties.

4

Help From a Dog

A dog that was born without its two front legs has learned to walk and get around on its hind legs. And the dog named Faith has become an inspiration for people who have been injured in accidents, especially soldiers hurt in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Faith and her owners now appear around the country inspiring soldiers and others to overcome injuries. As a class, talk about ways animals can inspire people. Then talk about other ways people can be inspired. Find someone in the eEdition who could use some inspiring support. Write a letter to this person offering support.

Learning Standards: Engaging peers in constructive conversation about topics of interest or importance; writing fluently for multiple purposes.

5

Prince William on the Streets

Prince William is the grandson of the Queen of England in the European country of Britain. Some day in the future, William could become king, which would make him one of the richest people in the world. Yet the 27-year-old prince spent a winter night recently sleeping on the streets of the city

of London. He did it to learn first hand what it is like to be homeless and to give support to a charity group that helps homeless people. Dressed in a hooded sweatshirt and jeans, William "slept rough" on the pavement behind garbage cans in an alley. "Sleeping rough" is what British people call sleeping on the street. As a class, talk about ways people can help homeless families or individuals. Then design a public service ad for the eEdition, seeking help for the homeless in your area. Share and discuss your ads as a class.

Learning Standards: Posing social science questions questions about cultures or communities; gathering and analyzing information to answer the question posed; representing creatively.

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