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for eEditions

grades 2-5

1 Incredible Student

At age 13, Colin Carlson is already a sophomore in college, working to earn two college degrees at once! But the standout student has run into a problem at the University of Connecticut. For his degrees in environmental studies and ecology, Colin wants to take a course that will involve summer study in South Africa. The university says he is too young to travel to another country to study, even though his mother volunteered to go with him. Colin and his family now have filed a claim that he is being discriminated against because of his age. As a class talk about what you would like to study in college. Then find a job in the eEdition connected to those studies. Write what kinds of skills you would need to be successful at that job.

Learning Standards: Engaging peers in constructive conversation about topics of interest or importance; responding to a variety of texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others.

2 Play Ball!

This week marks the start of the 2010 season for Major League Baseball. Spring training is over, and teams are beginning their competition to win the American and National League championships and a trip to the World Series. In the American League the big question is whether the New York Yankees can win another championship. In the National League, all eyes are on the two-time defending league champion Philadelphia Phillies. Search the sports section in the eEdition for stories about the start of the Major League Baseball season. Write a paragraph describing which teams are mentioned most and explain why. Then draw a comic strip showing fun at a Major League Baseball game.

Learning Standards: Responding to a variety of texts by making connections to students' personal lives and the lives of others; using the craft of the illustrator to express ideas artistically.

3 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 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 the suffixes above appear.

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

4 Comics Pulitzer

Next week, the winners will be announced for yearly awards called the Pulitzer Prizes. Pulitzers are given out to honor great newspaper reporting, other types of writing and editorial cartoons. To get in the spirit of the prizes, look through today's comics in the eEdition. Take a poll in your class to decide which comic is best. Discuss the reasons you would vote this comic the best if you could give a Comics Pulitzer Prize.

Learning Standard: Developing and applying critical standards for individual use; reading with developing fluency a variety of texts, such as stories, poems, messages, menus and directions.

5 Princess Di's Palace

Princess Diana was one of the most popular princesses in the history of the European country of Great Britain. Now her palace is becoming home to an unusual new exhibit to attract people who would like to learn more about British royalty. Kensington Palace will be renamed "The

Enchanted Palace" to attract tourists who want to learn more about royals like Diana, who died in a car crash in 1997. Musicians, actors, fashion displays and live performances are being added to liven up the palace and compete with tourist attractions like the Tower of London. The new exhibit will include attractions like the Room of Royal Secrets and the Rooms of Lost Childhood. As a class, talk about places in your community or state that attract visitors or tourists. Then find examples of attractions in the photos, stories and ads in the eEdition. Pick one and design an ad of your own to attract visitors to this place.

Learning Standard: Reading and writing fluently, speaking confidently, listening and interacting appropriately, viewing critically and representing creatively.

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