



OBJECTIVES

Students will

- ◆ learn about features of a newspaper.
- ◆ make notes to write a weather news story.
- ◆ form the letters v and w correctly.
- ◆ control the size and spacing of letters.

MATERIALS

- ◆ Routine 14
- ◆ **Transparencies** 38, 39
- ◆ **Alphabet Letter Cards**



Teacher Tip

PLAN AHEAD Have available a newspaper that contains a weather forecast and a U.S. weather map. Also select a newspaper story about the weather. It might be about storm damage from wind, rain, or snow; problems caused by the lack of or too much rain; people enjoying the first warm day of spring; or weather forecasts for the coming week.

Differentiating Instruction

English Learners

IF . . . students need extra help with writing news stories, **THEN . . .** see **English Learner Support Guide** Unit 5 Lessons 6–10 to help them understand how to organize their ideas and information.

Writing News Stories

ROUTINE
14

Prewriting

Teach—Making Notes

- ◆ Show students a newspaper, and explain what newspapers are. *daily or weekly publications with stories that tell about things that are happening in the community and around the world* Point to individual stories on the front page of the newspaper. Explain that each story gives readers new information about a person, an event, or a thing.
- ◆ Point to and read the weather forecast. Then explain that this is the weather that scientists predict will happen. Show the U.S. weather map, and have students notice how the weather is different in various parts of the country.
- ◆ Read students a news story from your local paper about the weather. If one is not available, use the sample news story on **Transparency 38**. Explain that newspapers often contain stories about the weather because it is so important in our lives.
- ◆ Tell students that starting today, they are going to be weather reporters. They will make notes that will help them write a news story about the weather.

Transparency 38

Model of a News Story

First Grade Weather News

The weather tomorrow will be quite different from today. There will be a big drop in temperature. The sky will be gray and cloudy with a chance of rain. Strong and gusty winds are expected. So hold on to your umbrellas!

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