

News2You Implementation Guide

What is News2you?

News2you brings real-world current events to students through differentiated, accessible weekly newspapers, activities, and supporting resources. This guide will help you get started using News2you effectively in your classroom.

Initial Set Up

This section walks you through everything you need to get started, from licensing and registration to managing students and configuring your instructional tools.

Accept your License

- [How to Register](#)

Manage your Roster

- [How to Add Existing Students](#)
- [Create New Students](#)
- [Seat a Student](#)
- [Drop a Student](#)
- [Ways to Assign Content to Students](#)

Configure Student Dashboard

Set up your Planner

- [What is the Planner?](#)
- [How to Add Classes in the Planner](#)
- [How to Add and Move Assignments to Classes in the Planner](#)
- [Planner & Learning Pathways](#)

Weekly Current Issues

Each week, News2you publishes a new issue. Two issues are available at any given time - the current week and the previous week (with occasional seasonal adjustments).

Every issue includes:

- [Four differentiated reading levels](#)
- **A communication board**
- **Recipes, skill practice activities, puzzles, and games**
- **Extension materials**

Instructional Planning Tools

Each weekly issue includes a **lesson plan** designed to help teachers prepare instruction. [Lesson plans](#) open as [PDFs](#) or [iDocs](#) and include:

- A short overview of the news topic
- Key vocabulary
- Guidance for introducing the issue
- Suggested instructional steps
- Links to additional materials

Assigning Materials to Students

Teachers can send News2you content directly to students through the Planner tool.

[How to Assign News2you to Students Manually](#)

From the Planner, you can assign:

- Articles
- Communication boards
- Skill-building activities and extension resources

Assignments appear on each student's dashboard, allowing for differentiated, independent access.

Breaking News

[Breaking News](#) offers shorter articles updated frequently on current events across three categories - **World News, Sports News, Entertainment News**

These articles come in five differentiated text levels (replace previous two levels of regular and advanced!) and include review questions.

They are excellent for:

- Daily warm-ups
- Quick comprehension checks
- High-interest reading opportunities
- Students who benefit from shorter text selections

Teachers can search for specific topics or browse new posts by category.

Additional Classroom Resources

News2you also includes several additional tools and materials such as:

- [Today's Weather](#)
- [Class News](#) (create your own class newspaper)
- **Holiday resources**
- **Extra Materials** (PDFs of blank templates, songs, communication board, additional extras)
- [Joey's Locker](#) skill-building activities - [Where is Joey's Locker?](#)

These components can be used to build routines, add hands-on options, support communication, or extend learning beyond the weekly issue.

Suggested Weekly Plan

Every issue includes a Suggested Weekly Plan designed to show one way News2you materials can be organized over a week. The plan highlights four instructional areas:

1. Daily group activities

2. Vocabulary work
3. Reading and discussing the weekly issue
4. Related activities and application

Teachers can follow the plan as written or adjust it to fit existing classroom routines.

[How Do I Plan for Using News2you in My Classroom?](#)

Best Practices

- Familiarize yourself with the News2you publishing schedule - [article](#) and [summer resources](#)
- You can plan for future issue supply and shopping list needs - [article](#)
- If you are in need of additional nonfiction materials, you can access archived issues - [article](#)

4-Week Rollout Plan

Week 1: Orientation & Routines

Focus: Introduce core features & build structure

Daily Routine: Begin each day with Today's Weather activity.

Weekly Article (multiple levels): Read aloud as a class using symbol-supported or standard text.

Core Vocabulary Sets: Introduce 4–5 words using symbol cards.

Visual Supports: Use built-in visuals and printables to establish consistent routines.

Week 2: Building Comprehension

Weekly Article (multiple levels): Read aloud as a class using symbol-supported or standard text.

Comprehension Questions: Use built-in wh- and yes/no questions with symbol support.

Vocabulary Activities: Matching, sentence building, and fill-ins.

Writing Activities: Scaffolded sentence starters ("I learned that...").

Week 3: Increasing Independence

Focus: Leveled access & communication support

Leveled Reading Versions: Assign different versions to small groups.

Student-Led Writing: Use interactive writing templates.

Week 4: Cross-Curricular Integration

Recipes & Games: Integrate life skills, cooking, or seasonal activities.

Breaking News/World News: Compare stories, discuss global events.

Art/SEL Extensions: Create projects tied to weekly topic (e.g., weather, community helpers).

Resources

- [Smart Start](#)
- [News2you - Knowledge Base Articles](#)
- [Clickthrough Demo](#)