**Celebrate NIE Week**

**How to Write a News Story**

Putting out a school newspaper is a cool way to learn about newspapers and also to develop many skills.

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<td>A SCIENTIST DISCOVERED DINOSAUR BONES NEARBY. I'LL COVER THE STORY.</td>
<td>WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE. Write down your facts and organize your information.</td>
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Meet with the staff to discuss what's happening. Out of the meeting comes your story idea.

Newspaper stories are different from stories that tell a tale.

Tale-telling stories
Stories that tell a tale are in this style, or form. The story pyramid is inverted, or upside down.

Example of the beginning of a story telling a tale:
"Once upon a time there lived a young girl who ..."

I WILL USE SPELL-CHECK AND ALSO DOUBLE-CHECK THE PUNCTUATION.

Revise your story and read for correct form.

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**2. Think**

I ALREADY KNOW A LOT ABOUT DINOSAURS.

Make a list of what you already know about the subject. Then make a list of what you want to find out.

**3. Research**

DR. JONES, HOW DID YOU IDENTIFY THE BONE?

Read about the subject. Interview an expert. Surf the Internet for information.

Who, When, What, Where

Why and How

Less important details.

An example of the beginning of a newspaper story:
"Cinderella and the Prince will marry on Sunday morning at the palace. The romance began ..."