

Lisa Lawson
Claywell Elementary School, Hillsborough County
2024 Honorable Mention

Lisa teaches gifted students at Claywell Elementary School in Hillsborough County.

Lisa was chosen as a 2024 Honorable Mention for using the newspaper to find real-world examples that connect academic subjects to the world outside of school.

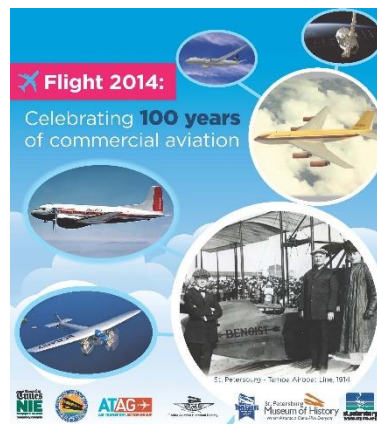
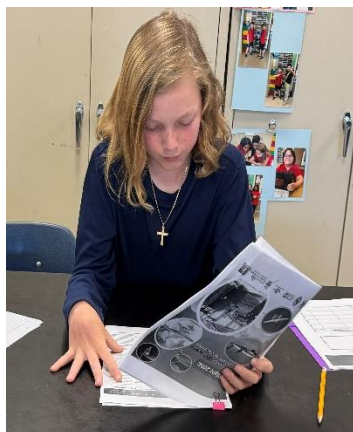
Lisa uses the Times on an ongoing basis to find real-world math problems for her students to solve. She will pose a problem or scenario. Students then collaborate to solve the problem or to make up their own problems based on the given scenario, based on what they are able to find in the newspaper. They then share their solutions or problems with the class.



Morning Math: Using the Tampa Bay Times weather section to calculate statistics such as range, mean, median and mode.

The Times and NIE resources also serve as reliable sources for Lisa's students' TED-Ed projects – providing both ideas for projects and data to support students' positions.

For example, two students who are interested in more sustainable practices in aviation are using the NIE curriculum supplement *Flight 2014: Celebrating 100 Years of Commercial Aviation* as an input for their TED-Ed Student Talks. Another student is using a recent Times article about python parasites for theirs.



Researching sustainable practices in aviation using the NIE curriculum supplement *Flight 2014: Celebrating 100 Years of Commercial Aviation*.

Lisa also uses the Times as a resource in other subjects. For example, she recently used the Times to help an economics team practice concepts such as making a budget, and NIE's weekly Headline Geography quizzes to train a geography bee team.