

NEW YEAR'S DAY

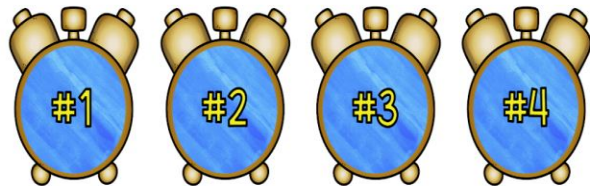


VIRTUAL *Field trip*

happy new year

Help the Ball Drop!

The ball drop is a symbolic tradition of the New Year's holiday. This famous event takes place at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Day in New York City, New York each year. Help the citizens count down to the event by clicking on each clock below in order. You will learn more about the holiday. Cut the times (Ctrl + X) and paste them on the ball drop (Ctrl + V) to count down to midnight.



CELEBRATE NEW YEAR

Spend your night tracking the time as you learn about the meaning of New Years, traditions, and resolutions. Collect time stamps that lead to the ball drop!



Shante Keys and the New Year's Peas

Watch the read-aloud below and answer the questions.



10:00pm

1. What did Grandma forget to cook at the beginning of the story?

2. What problem does Shante run into?

3. What New Year's superstitions and traditions can be found in this story?

INTEGRATES READING


Watch read alouds, read passages, and complete interactive questions and activities to show what you learn along the way.

CROSS CURRICULAR

Videos incorporate social studies and reading skills. Includes standards-based interactive activities.

"Auld Lang Syne"

Watch the video below and answer the questions.



[Click here to hear the song!](#)

1. What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean?
2. Where did this poem come from?
3. Who first played the song in New York in 1929?
4. Besides the New Year, where else can the song be heard?



LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES

Highlights traditions
and celebration of New
Year around the world.

A tablet displaying a worksheet titled "What is New Year's Day?". The worksheet contains the following text:

What is New Year's Day?

New Year's Day is a holiday that takes place on the first day of the new calendar year (January 1st). It is a holiday that celebrates two main things. First, people reflect on the good things that have happened over the past year. Second, people celebrate their hopes for the future year. New Year's Day is a holiday that is celebrated in several countries throughout the world. In the United States of America, it is a national holiday.

Is New Year's Day celebrated where you live? Explain what you already know about how this holiday is celebrated. If you do not know anything about New Year's Day celebrations, make a prediction!

Happy
NEW
Year

The worksheet also features a drawing of a blue balloon with a star on it. The background of the worksheet is white with a red scalloped border. The tablet is surrounded by various school supplies like pencils, paper clips, and a notebook.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Explore new places,
learn about diverse
cultures, all while
meeting social studies
standards!

Celebrations Around the World

Watch the video to see how the New Year reaches beyond January 1st for many people and cultures around the world. After watching, you will choose one celebration from the video to compare and contrast with the New Year's holiday you have learned about in this virtual field trip.



CRITICAL THINKING

Fosters critical thinking without students even noticing!

Compare & Contrast

Complete the organizer to compare and contrast one of the celebrations from the video you watched and the New Year's holiday you have learned about in this virtual field trip.



*New Year's Day:
January!*

Other Celebration:



To the Ball
Drop!

12:00am

Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

Google Slides and SeeSaw



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