



New Year, New You!

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New Year means a fresh start, and our school is ready for it! After Winter break, the halls are full of smiles, laughter, and maybe a few sleepy students. Everyone is excited to see friends again and start the year with a positive attitude.

Students are making New Year goals like reading more, being kind, and trying their best every day. Some want to improve their math skills, while others want to be better teammates at recess. Even small goals can turn into big successes when we keep practicing.

Teachers are joining in on the New Year fun too! They are bringing new lessons, cool activities, and lots of encouragement into the classroom. Teachers help us learn from our mistakes and remind us that it's okay to try again.

This year, our school wants everyone to feel included, confident, and proud of who they are. With teamwork, kindness, and a little hard work, this New Year can help us become the best "new us" ever!

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The Truth about New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are things that people want to accomplish. People create New Year's resolutions at the beginning of the year. One example of how people make New Year's resolutions is vision boards. When you make a vision board you put on photos, stickers, and words for the goals you want to accomplish. My mom put a photo of Italy on her vision board last year because she wanted to go to Italy, and she actually went there.

People make New Year's resolutions because they want positive outcomes in the New Year. The truth about New Year's resolutions is that most people fail. They don't accomplish their goals. People fail because they create big ideas that are too hard to accomplish.

Maybe people should create smaller ideas when they make their New Year's resolutions. Smaller ideas are easier to accomplish. One example of a smaller idea is reading more books. One of my goals is to finish the Dork Diaries series.

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Martin Luther King: A Symbol of Hope

Black people have been treated unfairly in the past. Martin Luther King Jr. fought against the way Black people were treated. He worked with the government to help make laws that were fair for everyone. There is a Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington, D.C., close to where he gave his famous speech. We remember Dr. King because he taught people to stand up for equality using peace and kindness.

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered for fighting peacefully for civil rights and equality. His famous "I Have a Dream" speech inspired many to believe in a future where everyone is judged by their character, not skin color.

Through peaceful protests and marches, King helped bring about important laws that promoted fairness.

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Flu Season

A new variant of flu is spreading across the United States and people are getting sick. This variant seems to spread more easily than the previous one. Experts think that changes in the virus make it more contagious, so more people are getting sick.

To help slow down the flu, get vaccinated, practice good hygiene, wear mask at school if you are coughing, and if you are really sick, stay home.

Protect yourself and your loved ones during this season.

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Hibernation: How Animals Survive Winter

When Winter comes, many animals go into hibernation to get through the cold months and the lack of food. During this time, they enter a deep sleep, lowering their body temperature and slowing down their heartbeat to save energy.

Animals like bears, bats, and ground squirrels find cozy spots—such as dens, caves, or underground burrows—to hibernate. This helps them stay safe when food is not enough, and the weather is freezing outside. When Spring arrives, they gradually wake up and start their normal activities again.

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Should kids have Tik Tok Accounts?

Tik Tok is popular among young people, offering fun videos and creative ways to express themselves. It can boost confidence and help kids learn new skills.

In my opinion kids should have TikTok accounts nowadays. First, we should be allowed to have an account provided parents will set it for us and it is controlled. Second, kids like me like to dance and showcase my talent on TikTok. Some kids like to do GRWM ("Get Ready With Me", a popular video trend where creators film themselves doing their daily routine, like makeup, skincare, or picking outfits, while talking to the camera about their day, plans, or story, making their viewers feel that they are doing it together). Another reason is that Tik Tok can be a fun source of entertainment and learning-kids can discover new hobbies, explore different cultures and pick up new skills in an engaging way.

Finally, the impact of Tik Tok depends on how children use it. With proper guidance and supervision, it can be a positive experience.

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A Well-Deserved Winter Break

Winter break is a well-deserved time for students and teachers to relax after months of hard work in school. It offers the chance to attend Winter festivals, enjoy the holidays, and spend time with the family. This break is not about playing video games at home but keeping students healthy and motivated to be ready for the challenges when we get back to school.

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