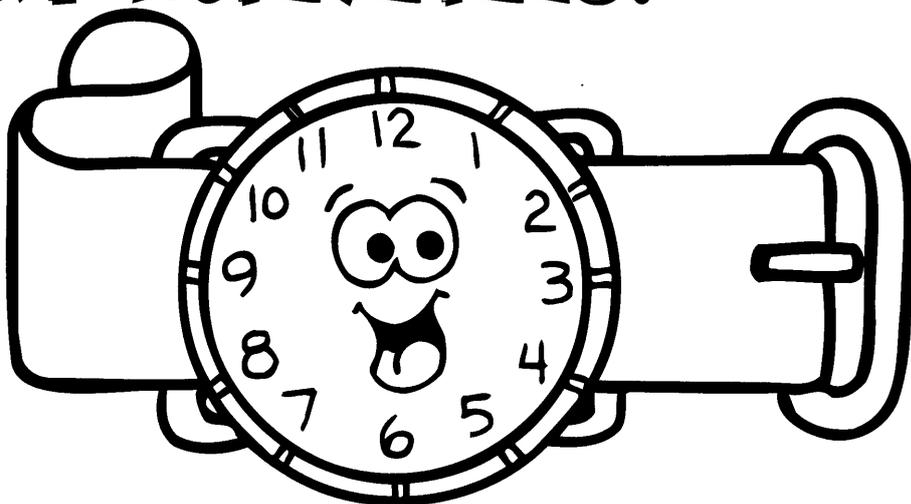


# JANUARY ACTIVITIES!

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My new calendar is temporary.  
Of course, it begins in January,  
But when 365 days are done,  
I know I'll need another one.

In January, cold weather stays  
Every one of 31 days.  
Football fans will watch and freeze.  
But most stay home with their TV's.



## TIME MARCHES ON

January offers the perfect opportunity to teach the concept of time. You might want to display a large clock face on the class bulletin board, or have each student make his or her own large clock face with movable hands. The teacher can call out a specific time and then instruct the students to arrange the clock hands on their individual clocks to the correct time.

With younger students, explore the concepts of past, present, future, before and after.



## RESOLUTION T-SHIRTS

Students love to make statements with the clothes they wear. In this case, have that statement be a positive New Year's resolution!

Have each student bring to school a plain colored or white T-shirt. Students can design their own personal resolutions using permanent colored markers. (Place a piece of cardboard on the inside of each T-shirt prior to coloring to keep the colors from bleeding through.) You may like to display the shirts on a class clothesline before letting the students wear them.

To avoid the cost of real T-shirts, simply make paper T-shirts cut from white butcher paper. These will also make a fun, creative class display!

## JANUS

In ancient times, the Romans had a god who was responsible for watching the old year go and the new year come. To do this, he is said to have had two faces so that he could look both ways at the same time. The Romans called this two-faced god Janus. Our first month, January, is named after him.

Students might like to discuss what the term "two-faced" means today. Older students can also research other Roman and Greek gods and find out about their names and legends.