




















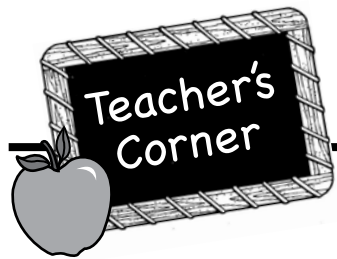




January 2012

Monthly Celebration: The New Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Death of Grace Hopper in 1992, computer scientist and Shirley Chisholm in 2005, politician. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY</i>.</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3 Birth date of Lucretia Mott in 1793, suffragist. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA</i>.</p> 	<p>4 Death of Mary Eliza Mahoney in 1926, nurse. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA</i>.</p> 	<p>5 Birth date of Jeanette Piccard in 1895, scientist. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA</i>.</p> 	<p>6 In 2009, Jeanne Shaheen is the first woman elected to serve as NH Senator. See <i>Women of Granite, NH</i>.</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Birth date of Maud Younger in 1870, suffragist. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA</i>.</p> <p>United Nations Day</p> 	<p>11 Death of Clarina Nichols in 1885, activist. See <i>Women of the Green Mountain State, VT</i>.</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Friday the 13th.</p>  <p>FRIDAY THE 13TH</p>	<p>14 Death of Rachel Fuller Brown in 1980, scientist. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY</i>.</p> 
<p>15 Death of Biddy Mason in 1891, philanthropist. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA</i>.</p> 	<p>16 Birth date of Dian Fossey in 1932, conservationist. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA</i>.</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> 	<p>17 Birth date of Michelle Obama in 1964, First Lady. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL</i>.</p> <p>Civil Rights Day</p> 	<p>18 Thesaurus Day</p> 	<p>19 Birth date of Alice Eastwood in 1859, botanist. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA</i>.</p> <p>Popcorn Day</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Death of Mary "Polly" Bunting in 1998, reformer. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA</i>.</p> 
<p>22 Birth date of Mary Louise Fuller in 1862, professional dancer. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL</i>.</p> 	<p>23 Chinese New Year</p> 	<p>24 Birth date of Edith Wharton in 1862, writer. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA</i>.</p> 	<p>25 Nellie Bly completes her journey around the world in 1890. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY</i>.</p>	<p>26 Birth date of Bessie Coleman in 1892, aviator. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX</i>.</p> 	<p>27 Holocaust Memorial Day</p>	<p>28 Birth date of Jeanne Shaheen in 1947, politician. Death of Christa McAuliffe in 1986, astronaut. See <i>Women of Granite, NH</i>.</p> 
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				



The New Year

New Year's Day is one of the oldest and most universally celebrated holidays across the world. Today, we recognize New Year's Day as January 1, but it hasn't always been that way. Some countries in ancient times, celebrated New Year's Day as April 1st to match the coming of spring. Ancient Romans were the first society to celebrate New Year's Day as January 1.

The symbol for the New Year is a baby boy and the old year (New Year's Eve, December 31) is represented as an old man. Many other traditions are associated with New Year's celebrations, such as eating specific foods that are believed to provide good luck, watching fireworks, and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The song's title means *the good old days*. Making a New Year's resolution is also a very popular tradition as well. A New Year's resolution is a pledge that a person makes to a project or the changing a habit or some kind of behavior.

Start your New Year with a resolution to read more!

Celebrate the New Year with these Apprentice Shop Books:

- *Abenaki Captive*
- *America's Notable Women Series**
- *The Black Regiment of the American Regiment*
- *John Greenleaf Whittier's The Barefoot Boy*
- *To My Countrywomen: The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale*

Links To Explore:

- New Year's Celebration at History.com
<http://www.history.com/topics/new-years#a1>
- Calendars Throughout the Ages
<http://www.webexhibits.org/calendars/>

Suggested Activity: Word Part Word Play Square

- Common Core Language Standards, Grades K–5: Vocabulary Acquisition and Use L5.4. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).

See the NCTE/IRA Reading Standards Correlations Chart to find matching standards.

Other Celebrations in January: Chinese New Year

Read about Chinese American women (such as Joyce Chen, Maxine Hong Kingston, and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

Link to Explore:

- Chinese New Year
http://education2.uvic.ca/Faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html
- Chinese New Year at History.com
<http://www.history.com/topics/chinese-new-year>

Give students the following Word Part Word Play Square reproducible. They will use these word squares to learn about Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes, and roots. A list of the most frequently used word parts can be found at: <http://penningtonpublishing.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/High-Frequency-Prefixes-Suffixes-and-Roots.pdf>. Have students look at the list of affixes and roots and choose several to study. Then, have students review some chapters in the *America's Notable Women's Series* to find words that use their chosen word parts. Students then fill in the Word Part Word Play Squares with the requested information. Remind students to review the glossary for content-area words that use the same affixes or roots.

Example Word Part Word Play Square

Prefix: <i>re</i> Meaning: <i>again</i>	Example 1: <i>recapture</i> Meaning: <i>to capture again</i> Synonym: <i>regain</i> Antonym: <i>lose</i>
Example 2:	Example 3:

* *America's Notable Women Series* = *Women of the Bay State*; *Women of the Empire State*; *Women of Granite*; *Women of the Lone Star State*; *Women of Prairie State*.

Name: _____ Date: _____

WORD PART WORD PLAY SQUARES

Word Square: _____ Chapter: _____

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Prefix/Suffix/Root: Meaning:	Example 1: Meaning: Synonym: Antonym:
Example 2: Meaning: Synonym: Antonym:	Example 3: Meaning: Synonym: Antonym:

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