



January 2008 Newspaper Learning Activities

January was named after Janus, the Roman two-faced god, who was able to "look" backwards and forwards. Your newspaper is sure to run a review of the big news stories of last year. Look them over. Then create a list of resolutions that you think specific people, nations or organizations should be making for 2008.



Paul Revere was born on January 1, 1735. Read about him in a reference book. Who do you think is a modern-day Paul Revere? Look through the newspaper for a worthy candidate and draw a political cartoon explaining the connection.

Get Organized! Watch for newspaper articles about organizing your life. Use their tips to make your room more tidy and your day more productive. At the end of the month, report to the class on the specific things that you have done and the progress you have made.



1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Happy 365th Birthday Isaac Newton! Collect newspaper pictures showing applications of Newton's discovery. Impress friends and family with the "gravity" of his work!	5		
6 Choose a favorite local store that advertises in the newspaper. Create a display ad of your own which you think would bring more customers your age into the store. Write a letter to the local store manager and enclose a copy of your ad.	7	8	9 Thomas Paine's pamphlet, "Common Sense" was published on this date in 1776. Collect articles that show ordinary and famous people using "common sense." Present them to the class via a visual display.	10	11	12
13	14 Look through the local or leisure sections and find an admirable person. What qualities does he or she have that are worth imitating? Write a letter to this person, expressing your thoughts.	15	16	17 Choose a graph, chart or map from the newspaper and be a test-maker. Make up four multiple-choice questions based on that graphic. Have classmates or family members try them out.	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -Can you find a story about him or about race relations? Summarize it.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Make up a classified ad looking for the perfect school nurse. List the most important qualities.	29 Work with your family to solve the crossword puzzle in today's newspaper. Then make up a puzzle of your own using information from news stories that you have read today.	30	31		

