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My  
Journal  
for  
January

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**January's birthstones are amethysts and garnets**

Imagine that you are the owner of a jewelry store. This January, you want to sell rings with one of the month's birthstones. Write an ad for a commercial on the radio that will make people want to buy your ring.

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Draw a picture of your ring for a newspaper ad.



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**January is "Thank You" Month**

It is easy to forget to say "thank you". Do you regularly thank people for doing everyday things? Make a "thank you" card for someone that you don't usually thank (for example, make a card for your letter carrier and leave it in the mailbox, or make a card for the check-out worker at the grocery store...).

**Directions:** Cut out the card below and fold along the lines to make a simple "Thank You" card.


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**January is Oatmeal Month**

Oatmeal is healthy and easy to make.

Imagine that your name is Chef La Emtao! Today, your job is to teach us how to make oatmeal. Write down your latest oatmeal recipe so we can try it out.



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Draw a picture of yourself cooking oatmeal.

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**January 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day**

In most of the world, the new year starts on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Many people use this day as a starting point to make changes in their life, called *New Year's Resolutions*.

Choose a resolution for yourself. Describe how you will work towards this goal.

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Draw a picture of yourself following your resolution.

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**January 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia became a state in 1788**

Georgia the fourth state in the United States.

Pretend that you have traveled back in time, and that it is your job to persuade the people in the territory of Georgia to join the Union of States. What would you say?

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Draw a picture of yourself giving your speech to the people of Georgia.

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### January 4<sup>th</sup> Trivia Day

"Trivia" are unimportant things...but knowing a lot of trivia can be a lot of fun! And what may seem trivial to one person could be very important to someone else. Can you think of something that is important to you that someone else might consider "trivia"?

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Draw a picture to go with your trivial information.



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**January 5<sup>th</sup> National Bird Day**

Imagine that your name is Professor Ima Birdwatcher. Your job is to travel all over the world, teaching people about birds. Today you are talking to the Little Litterbug Club about why it is important to the birds that humans not litter.

Write the text of your speech here.

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Draw a picture of the Little Litterbug Club listening to your speech.

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### January 7<sup>th</sup> Old Rock Day

Find a rock in your neighborhood. Give it an extreme makeover! Maybe all it needs is a bath. You might have to pull out some markers and paint and brighten it up.

Write a story about the rock. How old is it, where did it come from, what's its name, how does it feel about its new look?

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Draw "before" and "after" pictures of your rock.

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**January 9<sup>th</sup> Apricot Day**

Apricots originally came from China. They were brought to the New World by Spanish explorers. Apricot season is between early May and late June, so if you want to eat apricots today, they will have to be canned or dried.

Do you like apricots? Why or why not?

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How would you describe an apricot to someone who had never seen or tasted one? Think about the color, texture, flavor. Do your best!

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**January 11<sup>th</sup> Milk Day**

For many people, milk is an important part of their daily diet. Some people can't drink milk at all, because milk makes them sick.

Do you drink milk? Why or why not?

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Design a milk carton.

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**The second Monday in January is "Coming of Age" Day in Japan**

In Japan, people "come of age" on the second Monday in January of the year that they would celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. All of the Japanese people who will turn twenty this year attend a special ceremony in their town. After this day, they are considered to be adults. The day is a national holiday, so that everyone can come to see the beautifully dressed (usually either in kimonos or other formal clothing) youths formally become adults.

**Design a kimono**

A large empty rectangular box for drawing a kimono design.

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**January 13<sup>th</sup> Rubber Ducky's Birthday**

Rubber duckyies have been around since the late 1800s. Probably the most famous rubber ducky is the one belonging to Ernie on Sesame Street. Ernie first sang the song "Rubber Ducky" in January 1970. How do you suggest we should celebrate Rubber Ducky's birthday?

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Draw a picture of the perfect present for Rubber Ducky.

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**The second week in January is Pizza Week**

Almost everybody likes pizza, but not everybody can agree on the ideal topping combination. What do you think are the very best pizza toppings? Write why your topping choice is the one that everyone should have.

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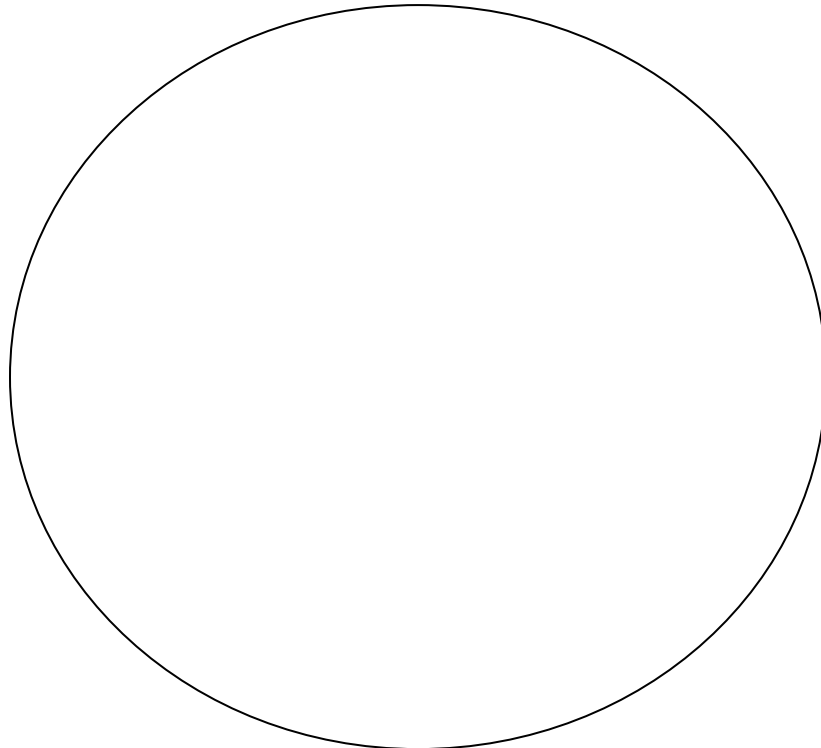
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Draw a picture of your pizza.



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**January 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King , Jr.'s birthday (observed 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)**

Martin Luther King, Jr. is well known for his work in the Civil Rights Movement. His famous speech, known as the "I Have A Dream" speech, expressed King's wishes for equality among people.

Do you have a vision for how the world (or your country) could be a better place? Write your own "I Have A Dream" speech.

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for more information on Martin Luther King, Jr. see:  
[http://abcteach.com/directory/seasonalholidays/martin\\_luther\\_king\\_jr\\_day/](http://abcteach.com/directory/seasonalholidays/martin_luther_king_jr_day/)

Draw a picture of how things would look if your dream were reality.



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**January 17<sup>th</sup>- the first sitcom aired on television**

In 1949, when *The Goldbergs* was first shown on TV, people didn't even know what a sitcom was. Since then, the United States has produced many sitcoms that are known throughout the world, such as *M\*A\*S\*H*, *Friends*, and *The Simpsons*.

Do you have a favorite sitcom? Who are the characters? What is the basic storyline? What makes it funny?

If you don't have a favorite sitcom, imagine a brand new one, and describe it here.

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Draw a picture of a funny scene from your (favorite or imagined) sitcom.

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**January 18<sup>th</sup> A.A. Milne's birthday**

A.A. Milne, the author of the famous "Winnie the Pooh" series, was born in 1882.

Do you have a favorite Pooh character? Who is it? Why is that character your favorite? If you aren't sure, try reading a Winnie the Pooh story today.

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Draw a picture of your favorite A.A. Milne character.

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**January 19<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day**

Popcorn is America's favorite snack! There are many ways to prepare and to eat popcorn. What's your favorite way? Why?

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Draw a picture of the best way to eat popcorn.

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**January 20<sup>th</sup> Inauguration Day**

Many (although not all) presidents start work on January 20<sup>th</sup>. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, the president takes an oath promising to do a good job.

Who is your favorite president to have been inaugurated on January 20<sup>th</sup>? Why is he your favorite?

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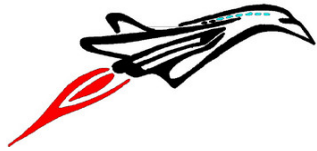
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Draw a picture of your favorite president's inauguration.

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**January 21<sup>st</sup> the first Concorde jet took off in 1976**

Concorde jets were the first supersonic passenger jet airlines. They cut the travel time between the United States and Europe by half. Unfortunately, they cost a lot of money, they were noisy, and they were more dangerous than regular planes.

What are the most important factors in transportation? Comfort, speed, cost, or other things? Rank the important factors, and explain why you have put them in that order.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ is the most important, because

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Draw a picture of your favorite way to travel.

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**January 24<sup>th</sup> start of the Gold Rush**

In 1848, gold was discovered in California, leading to the famous "Gold Rush". If you had lived in those days, do you think that you would have had "gold fever", and made your way across the U.S. (or across the ocean) to try and make your fortune? Why or why not?

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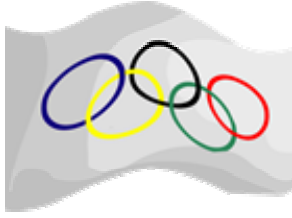
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Draw a picture to go with your writing.

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**January 25<sup>th</sup> first winter Olympics held in 1924**

The first winter Olympics, featuring (among other sports) bobsledding and ski jumping, was held in the French Alps.

Do you like the winter Olympics? Which is your favorite winter Olympic sport?

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Draw a picture of yourself as a winner of your favorite winter Olympic event.

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**January 26<sup>th</sup> India was founded, creating the most populous democracy in the world**

What do you know about India's history? Fill in the chart below.

What I know about India	What I would like to learn about India
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The most interesting thing I learned about India

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On the other side of this page, draw a map of India.



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**January 27<sup>th</sup> first television demonstrated in London**

Some people think television is good, because it brings information and entertainment to people in the comfort of their own homes. Other people think television is bad- it detracts from family time and reading. What do you think?

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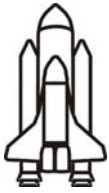
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Draw a picture of what you would do without television.

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**January 28<sup>th</sup> Challenger explodes**

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger, carrying a crew of seven, including Christa McAuliffe, who was to be the first civilian in space, exploded. There were no survivors. Although there have been over one hundred successful space shuttle launches, the Challenger disaster showed how risky such flights still are.

If you had the chance to travel in a space shuttle, would you do so? You would be trained, and you would be traveling with trained pilots.

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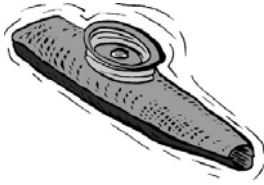
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Draw a picture of yourself in a space suit.

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**January 28<sup>th</sup> Kazoo Day**

Do you have a kazoo? If so, a really fun game to play is "Name that Kazoo Tune!" Play a song on the kazoo and see if your friends can guess what you are playing. Take turns.

Which songs were the hardest to guess? Which songs were the easiest? Why do you think some things are easier to play on a kazoo?

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Draw a picture of someone playing the kazoo.

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**January 31<sup>st</sup> {Reflection}**

Think about the last month. Write about all the things you enjoyed learning. Think about a few little things that you would like to keep as memories and write them down now, so that even years later you can look back and remember.

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Glue or attach an article of any kind. Maybe you have a picture you would like to save. Maybe you had a really funny haircut this month and would like to save a piece of your hair. What about a really good piece of candy? Here is a great place to save the wrapper. Did you get any awards this month? Think of any simple thing you would like to keep, to remember later.