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New Year's Day

This is the first day of each year. People celebrate New Year's Day in many different ways. Some go to church services. Often in the afternoon, people watch football games, either by going to the game or watching it on television. New Year's Day celebrations have been happening for a very long time. The first day of the new year is a day when people look forward to trying to make the year even better than the one before it.

New Year's Day is on January 1. Circle all the 1s in the numbers below.

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Here is a picture of a Happy New Year Hat to color.

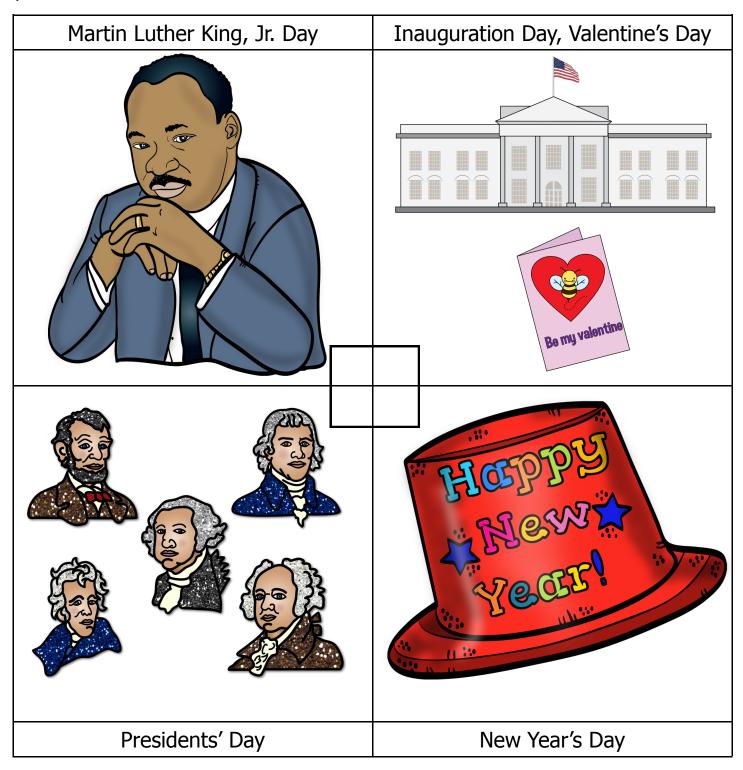


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made many speeches. One of his most famous speeches was called "I Have a Dream." In the speech, he talked about the dream he had that someday all people would be equal and live and work together. Do you have a dream about something you want to do when you get older? Maybe it is someplace you want to go, or what you want to do when you are all grown up. Draw a picture of what your dream is.

One way Dr. King let people know there were things that needed fixed was by leading marches. Fixing what was wrong would make life better for everyone. Did you know you can start making life better for the people who live in your house? Go on a march through the house. While you are marching through the rooms, pick up any of your things that need put away and put them in the right place. That will make life better for your family if they do not have to pick up all of your things. Then, march through the house and see what jobs you can do to help people in your family. You are making life better by helping the people in your family.

Let's Review

Number the boxes 1-4 to show the order these holidays are celebrated during the year.



Ask your parents to help you find each of these holidays on the calendar.

Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22. It is celebrated to remind people to take care of the world we live in. There are many things that people do every day that are not good for the environment, such as littering the land and water with garbage. If someone has old metal or old cars, they should be taken to a salvage yard where the metal can be reused and not just rust. The rusting metal can hurt people, and if they get cut on that rusted metal, they could become very sick. It can also hurt animals or give disease-carrying animals a place to live close to where people live. Another important thing people can do is not waste energy. Walking to places that are close by and not using as much gas in a car is one way to save energy. Another is trying to use less electricity for lights and heat. People can also recycle when they can. Recycling helps companies use fewer natural resources to make products so the natural resources will last longer.

Draw a picture of things you can do to help the environment.

Father's Day

Father's Day is a day for remembering fathers. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June by giving fathers gifts or cards. It was started by a girl in the state of Washington who wanted to honor her father. She had heard a Mother's Day sermon at church and wanted something special to remember her father. Her mother had died many years earlier, and her father had raised six children all by himself. The next year, parts of the state of Washington celebrated the first Father's Day. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon made Father's Day a national day to remember fathers.



Draw pictures of some of the things you could do to let your father know how much you appreciate him, like spending time with him or making him something special. Imagine you are going on a camping trip to celebrate Labor Day. Circle the things you would need to take with you if you were going camping.

