



January Share-Ideas

Play Here We Go 'Round The Year



January is a good time to play, “Here We Go ‘Round The Year” with your children after you read the book by the same title. Here is how one group of kindergarten kids played the game. They created signs of the twelve months of the year and numbered each of the months like a big clock. January was number one and December was number 12. They decorated the signs with symbols of each month and put the twelve signs in a big circle on the floor. Marching around the circle, they chanted.

“ Here we go ‘Round the year, like a circle of a clock. Name the months as we march along, tick,tick, tock.” They marched and sang until the teacher called. “Stop.” Whoever was in front of the month of January would begin with that month and everyone would shout or sing the name of the twelve months of the year, one month at a time. Sometimes they marched, or hopped, skipped, or jumped all around the year. How many ways can your class play the game?

Dance Around The New Year.

A group of first graders created their very own dances around the twelve months of the year. First, they formed a large circle with the twelve-month signs on the floor. Each child found his or her birthday month. Each group chose one special thing about the month for a dance theme.

These were their dances: January Bell Ringers, February Ice-Skaters, March Winds, April Raindrops, May Flowers, June Swimmers, A July Parade, August Beach Waves, September Leaves, October Spooks, November Turkey Fliers, and December Elves. What fun they had dancing the months of the year.



Create a New Year Birthday Train with Twelve Birthday Cars.

January is a good time to make a wall mural with the twelve months as train cars on a Birthday Train. Children can draw, cut out and paste their pictures in the cars on the train. It is fun see others who have the same birthday months during the year.

