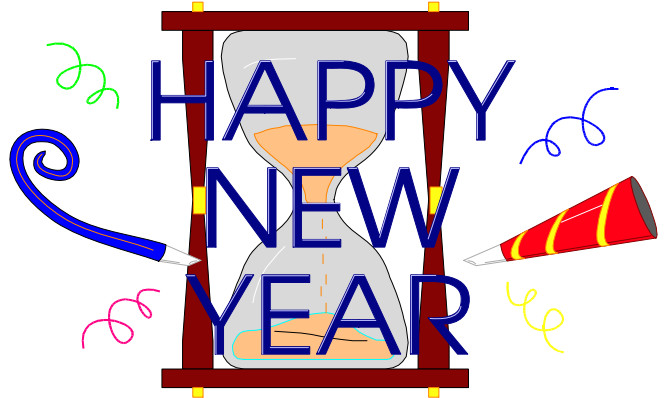


# January-February, 2008

Dear Teachers,

Happy New Year to you all, and may this be the beginning of great things for many children as we start a new calendar year and continue our current school year. I hope you had a restful and meaningful break and are looking forward to the rest of this year with your students.

For the winter months, I am including some of my students' favorite "cold weather" activities. I hope you will enjoy them. I am also including some "old favorites" for Valentine's Day.



Our new book, MORE Time for Literacy Centers for grades 1-2 should be out by the end of this month or early February, so be sure to log back on and check out this site's Gift Shop for all of the details. This book continues where Time for Literacy Centers left off with multi-levels of Reading, Writing, Word Work, and Listening Center activities which may be used equally well during your interventions.

The first section of the book is dedicated to fun practice of long vowels, digraphs, and diphthongs by reading and rapping to pseudoword/real word chants. Games are included with the chants. This section includes practice activities with the target sounds and word generation activities for mastery.

The second section of the book includes literacy skills practice in a meaningful context...super poems, raps, and chants written to entertain children as well as help them practice necessary skills. Following the poems are writing prompts which will have your students writing for many purposes in response to the reading selections.

The last section of the book includes super-fun game-like activity booklets with word games, crossword puzzles using target vowel patterns, and rhymes to write. Kids really like these practice activities because they are FUN as well as MEANINGFUL. The book has 114 pages with LOTS TO DO! So, log on and take a look.

Again, Happy New Year to all of you and "keep on keeping on" with the fantastic job you are doing for kids!

Dr. Maggie