

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Teachers,

Welcome back from the holidays. I hope you had a restful and meaningful break and are looking forward to the rest of the school year with your students.

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.

Some of you may be feeling like I always felt at this time of year, "Oh, No!" half of our year is over! What about \_\_\_\_\_? (Fill in the blank with the child you are most concerned about.) Will he/she be ready to move on at the end of the year?"

If you are a kindergarten teacher, you are striving to make sure that each child recognizes letters and sounds and sight words. I've included activities for you.

If you teach any primary grade, you may be facing new students who do not have a command of the English language yet, and you are expected to meet their needs. For you, I am including strategies which should help.

Again, Happy New Year, and don't forget to log on in February.

Dr. Maggie

