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New Year's Resolutions

By Kate Johnson

For some people it is a tradition to make New Year's resolutions, which means to set goals for the New Year. It can be very important for people to try their best to reach their goals. This is a good skill to have in life because throughout your life you will try to set goals and being able to reach them will help with any profession.

Many people set their resolutions at parties for the New Year and discuss them with friends. If your friends say that you will not be able to keep your resolution, then that gives you an even bigger reason to try your best and prove them wrong.

Some African-Americans in the United States celebrate Kwanzaa. Included in this celebration are principles that one is supposed to follow to make themselves a better person for the New Year. These principles offer very high standards and encourage people to do their best to reach all of their goals.

There are many traditional resolutions; for example, to lose weight and be kinder to family members. People who carry through with their New Year's resolutions usually are determined to make themselves better people.

If you haven't thought of a goal yet, ask your family and friends for some ideas because they might have a different view of your personality and how you should change it. They will be very proud of you if you reach your goal — so why not take the time now to set that goal to make yourself a better person?



Q&A

By Lauren Mackey

The Brookfield Buzz recently interviewed pre-first teacher Mrs. Waltermeyer about what she does to help her class enjoy school every-day.

Q: What kinds of projects do you do with your class?

A: Before the holiday break, we made gifts for parents, gingerbread houses and a gingerbread cake. We also painted snowmen and made another torn-paper snowman. We did a stuffed snowman paper project and cut snowflakes.

Q: What exactly is the gingerbread cake and house?

A: Gingerbread houses are made out of graham crackers, decorative candy, and frosting "cement." A gingerbread cake is a cake that we make out of gingerbread in the shape of a gingerbread man. We worried that it wouldn't work because it might have run away.

Q: What is your dream class like?

A: Every year is a dream class and the thing about it is that every year, and every class, is so different.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching this pre-first class?

A: They always seem so excited about everything that we're learning.

Mystery Teacher



By Katie Jelich

Who is this familiar Brookfield face?

Hints:

- This teacher went to Sacramento State University.
- This teacher was born and raised in Sacramento.
- This teacher loves to do needlepoint.

See next month's Buzz for the answer.



Last month's mystery teacher was Mrs. Renaud.