

Books for New Year's Lessons

Suggested titles for primary grades

- *Happy New Year, Corduroy* by Don Freeman. Viking, 2008. Corduroy and friends ring in the New Year with cocoa, games, and a midnight countdown in this board book.
- *Happy New Year, Herbie Bear!* by Joanne Meier and Cecilia Minden. Child's World, 2010. Even though he has permission to stay up till midnight to greet the New Year, Herbie Bear doesn't think he can stay awake that long.
- *Happy New Year, Pooh!* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Disney Press, 2000, c1997. Christopher Robin brings good news to Pooh and friends, who think since their calendar has no more months after Dec. 31, there won't be any more!
- *The Peace Bell* by Margi Preus. Henry Holt & Company, 2008. A Japanese temple bell, which traditionally rang 108 times to welcome the New Year, is sent for scrap during WWII, but ends up in Duluth, MN. Its return makes for a heart-warming story, and is based on a true incident.
- *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* by Pat Miller. Albert Whitman, 2010. It's Squirrel's first New Year, and she needs help to make a resolution.
- *Un-Happy New Year, Emma!* by James Stevenson. Greenwillow Books, 1989. It's hard to keep a New Year's resolution to be nice to one's mean fellow witches.



For intermediate grades

- *Happy New Year* by Abbie Mercer. PowerKids Press, 2008. Nonfiction about the customs and ways to celebrate the first day of a new year.
- *Happy New Year, Mallory!* by Laurie Friedman. Carolrhoda Books, 2009. Mallory and three good friends from camp have planned a New Year's weekend—until Mallory ends up in the hospital with appendicitis.
- *Party Time* by Fiona Cummings. HarperCollins Children's Books, 2009, c1999. One of their members gets The Sleepover Club banned from sleepovers, making it difficult for the girls to plan a New Year's celebration that lasts till after midnight.