

School Year Review



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Does your school year end soon? With summer near, lots of kids are thinking about summer vacation, camp or just relaxing.

This is also a great time to think about your school year.

School review

Reviewing the last year can be fun. You can remember your favorite moments and be proud of all you accomplished.

Thinking about these things can also help you set some goals for the summer and for the school year to come.

Dreaming about your future and setting goals help you understand time in different ways. You learn to:

- manage your time (getting homework and chores done, getting to school on time), and
- think about your lifetime (what you'd like to do, and the kind of person you'd like to be).

Setting goals also teaches you to work with others and to take a large task and break it into smaller steps.

Dreams and goals

A **dream** is something that you hope or wish for — maybe something that seems out of reach.

A **goal** is something you hope to achieve. You might start with a dream and turn it into a goal by deciding on specific steps to reach it. A goal may be more **practical**, or sensible, than a dream, but both are important.



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Mini Fact:

Experts say it's important to think about your goals and dreams while you're very young.

Looking back and ahead

Try this exercise at home or in your classroom. Take a sheet of paper. Draw a line down the middle. On the left side, write **What I've Achieved**. On the right side, write **What I Want to Achieve**.

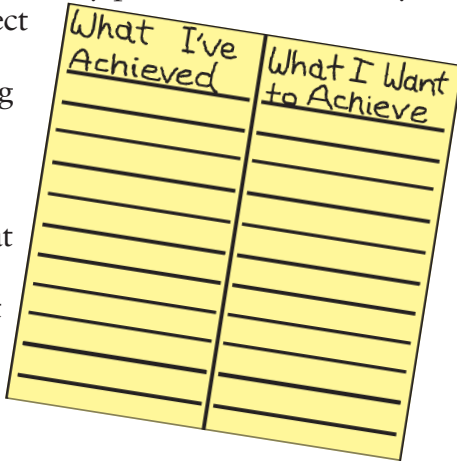
What I've Achieved

- In this column, try to:
- identify your favorite project from the year;
 - remember the funniest moment;
 - recall books you read and enjoyed;
 - name something you did that you're proud of;
 - decide what subject you improved most in;
 - decide what your favorite subject was.

What I Want to Achieve

In this column, think about your goals for the short term, or not too far in the future. What would you like to do this summer? Can you help your family plan a vacation? Can you finish a project that you've been working on?

What about in school? What do you hope to learn next year?



Set some goals

What are some of your goals and dreams? Check the boxes that include your ideas, then keep this page so that you can look back at it over the next few months and see the progress you've made.

- **I want to learn a new sport,** I can start by finding out about lessons nearby and asking my parents if they can help.
- **I want to get more involved where I worship.** I might:
 - ☞ join the choir.
 - ☞ go to programs for kids.
 - ☞ help in the nursery during services.
 - ☞ offer to pass out programs or kids' packets before services.
- **I want to make some money.** I might:
 - ☞ mow lawns.
 - ☞ help with younger kids while moms are busy.
 - ☞ take care of pets while the owners are away.
 - ☞ clean the house.
- **I want to learn something new about music.** I might:
 - ☞ research an instrument I'd like to play.
 - ☞ attend concerts with different types of music, then talk about the differences with my parents or friends.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPgoal

At the library:

- "Dream It!: A Playbook to Spark Your Awesomeness" by Scott Stoll and Sarah Williams, Ph.D.

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of reviewing the year are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ACHIEVE, BOOKS, CAMP, DREAMS, END, FUTURE, GOALS, HOPE, PLAN, PRACTICAL, PROGRESS, PROJECT, PROUD, REVIEW, SCHOOL, SUBJECT, SUMMER, VACATION, YEAR.

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Y I N T P L U R E C G O A L S
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Cook's Corner

Wontons With Baby Corn & Bok Choy

You'll need:

- 1 (12-ounce) package wonton wrappers
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 (14-ounce) can baby corn, drained
- 1 head bok choy, chopped

- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce



What to do:

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add wonton wrappers, cook for 1 minute, and drain.
2. Heat canola oil in a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add corn, bok choy and ginger and cook for 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until vegetables are golden brown.
3. Add wonton wrappers and hoisin sauce and cook for 2 minutes to heat through, stirring constantly. Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

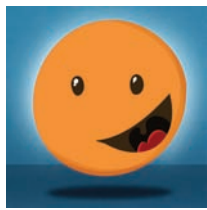
7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. it measures inches (5) _____
2. brag (5) _____
3. plug in a dead battery (6) _____
4. a way to go (9) _____
5. without a friend (6) _____
6. touched (4) _____
7. 10 times 10 (7) _____

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Answers: ruler, boast, charge, direction, lonely, felt, hundred.



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Mini Jokes



- Kelli:** Where did your grandmother learn to read?
Kyle: In Gramma school!

Eco Note



Climate change is a double-edged sword when it comes to droughts and rainfall. On one hand, higher temperatures mean the air can hold more moisture. That can mean more rainfall. On the other hand, higher temperatures mean more evaporation. That can mean more drying and more droughts. All together, climate change will make some areas drier and some areas wetter. The best thing we can do is study the science and history of an area so that we can be as prepared as possible.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for information about summer programs you might be interested in.

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