

# Never-ending News

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Dear Boys and Girls

Boy, did the holidays fly by! After reading *The Large Family* and *the Piece of Chocolate Cake* by Jill Murphy we have all gone on a strict exercise regime. On Christmas day something magical happened to each of us. Grandpa Bear got a new ticket holder, Timothy's blanket, which had a large hole in it, got a lovely picture of an owl sewn neatly over it and, best of all, my feather duster was repaired with gold and silver ribbon. Nobody knows who did it...

All my love

Martha Mouse

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## New beginnings

All the toys are making a list of what they like about the New Year. Find 5 things you enjoy about starting a new year.

What letters are missing from this word? Jauay

## Famous Firsts

Eager Emily loves learning new things and since January is the first month of the year she has decided to find the answers to these questions. Ask Mom and Dad to help you find the answers. Who was the:

First man in space?

First man on the moon?

First man to climb to the top of Mount Everest?

First woman to fly across the Atlantic?

First democratic president of South Africa.?



## How Never-ending Stories Began

While Martha worked, moving the books, pencils, rulers and crayons to one side she heard the soft sniffles of Timid Timothy she briefly stopped what she was doing and wondered whether she should go check in on him.

She was about to stop colour coding the pencil crayons when she heard the faint sounds of a familiar tune echoing in the silence. She knew there was no need to check in on him and resumed what she had been softly humming as she did so.

## Back to school

Martha Mouse was explaining to everyone that it was nearly time to go back to school and there were often new children that joined the school at the beginning of the year.

Timid Timothy sunk deep into his shell and in a hollow voice said he wasn't sure whether he'd like school. Martha Mouse answered, "It is a lovely opportunity to make new friends."

Grandpa Ben gave Timothy an idea that he uses when he meets new people on the train.

Make one for yourself to use when you meet someone new.

## The First Day of School

by Ruth Donnelly



I've got a brand-new lunchbox.  
My shoes are shiny clean.  
I've got a cool, new bookbag  
And a pencil box that's green.



But I don't know my teacher,  
Or where my desk will be.  
I don't know if I'll like the kids,  
Or if they'll play with me.



I peek inside my classroom.  
I stand there for a while.  
My teacher's tall and kind of loud,  
But has a great big smile.



And, best of all, she's got my  
Favorite book upon the shelf!  
I kiss my mother at the door  
And walk in by myself.

Find a friend ...

name \_\_\_\_\_

has	can	likes
a brother 	play soccer 	pizza 
a pet dog 	ride a bike 	to color 
brown eyes 	tie shoes 	red 

## Poem activity

Confident Charlie is using his dictionary to see if he can find words linked to the poem. See if you can help and find a word that:

Rhymes with green

Is the opposite of clean

Is the opposite of loud

## January Facts

January is named after Janus the Roman God of beginnings.

January's flower is the carnation.

January's gemstone is the garnet.

School starts 21 January.

