

Think about some things you would like to do next year. Write about your goals or resolutions for 2017.



In 2017, I would like to swim, play soccer, and read books.

Rhiley Ball, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards

In 2017, I would like to be like my mom.

**Alana Henderson, Kindergarten,
Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards**

I'm going to tell you some things that I want to improve on next year. I would like to get better at math because I want to pass my math drills. I want to get better at reading because my teacher says that reading makes you smarter.

I want to get better at basketball because I was playing basketball and I got hit in the face. These are some things I would like to improve on next year.

**Sophie Bishop, 2nd grade,
Rock Springs Elementary School, Dr. Adler**

In 2017, I would like to go to New York City. It is a really big city. I would like to explore it.

**Aiden Dougherty, 2nd grade,
Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Gilmer**

In 2017, I would like to learn multiplication. It will make me smarter.

**Jacob Finch, 2nd grade,
Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Gilmer**

I am going to tell you things I want to accomplish next year. I want to be able to write cursive. I want to improve my Taekwondo. I want to improve my art. These are things I want to accomplish next year.

Gabe Huff, 2nd grade, Rock Springs Elementary School, Dr. Adler

Next year, I would like to be a better person. I think I've been a good person, but I'd like to be better. I'd like to learn how to cook. I'd also like to be a better athlete and run faster. It would be great if I was more organized as well. That's how I would like to change!

**Allie Castle, 5th grade,
Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Fraley**

My goal for 2017 is to take more care of my guinea pigs. One way I can do this is I can feed and water them more. Another thing I can do is give them more floor time. I can give my guinea pigs a bath more often. I know taking care of my guinea pigs is hard, but I know that I can do it.

**Haley Hasting, 5th grade,
Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb**

Next year I want to learn to speak Spanish. I like to speak Spanish. It is fun to learn new languages. I think it would be fun to speak Spanish.

**Jessica Lowe, 5th grade,
Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Mrs. Jones**

My 2017 goal is to make new friends in my neighborhood.

I hope I can talk to them and get to know them well. In 2017, I also want to talk to my new neighbors if there are any. I wish to make new friends in my school year and in my neighborhood. In 2017, I also want to invite some friends over to my house.

**Alexandra Olson, 5th grade,
Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Mrs. Jones**

For the year of 2017 my resolution is getting better at drawing. I want to get better at drawing because I want to illustrate a book I've written when I'm older. When you illustrate a book you can't just draw stick people. When you draw a highly detailed picture it concludes of four parts: sketching, outlining, shading, and coloring. Drawing is my New Year's resolution.

Bella Reed, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

My resolution for 2017 is to make a perfect score on this year's SOLs. I was so close last year. I'm going to try even harder than last year. The SOLs are always difficult, but I plan on studying really hard. It would be so cool to get a trophy. That's my resolution for 2017.

Emma Reed, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

One of my 2017 goals is to join the competitive team at gymnastics. One thing I could improve would be bars. I'm pretty good at bars, but sometimes it doesn't go so well. I could also improve my beam skills. I try so hard to get better at beam, but I'm not quite there yet. I really hope I can achieve my goal, I can't wait to see what happens in 2017!

Anna Shepard, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

Next year, I hope to become better at volleyball. This is one of my resolutions because I love to play volleyball, but there are still many things to learn. Volleyball is one of my favorite things to do. I love to spend time playing volleyball, and it is a great sport. I hope I can learn more things about volleyball, and also achieve my goal for 2017.

Abigail Tate, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

Next year, I would like to go on a cruise. A cruise would be so much fun, especially with my family. I would also like to learn how to do a back flip. These are the things I would love to do in the future.

**Cooper Beeler, 6th grade,
Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Mrs. Jones**



My 2017 resolution is to volunteer. I would love to volunteer. Doing so, it would help my community out, and everybody in it. If I did volunteer, I would like to do it at the animal shelter or the nursing home. That is my 2017 New Year's resolution.

**Katie Brown, 6th grade, Weber City
Elementary School, Mrs. Sanders**

One of my New Year's resolutions is to eat healthy. Eating healthy is very important. Plus, it helps keep you fit. Lastly, it makes you feel good when you eat healthy. That's one of my New Year's resolutions.

Ethan Dingus, 6th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

I would like to save enough money to buy my mother a bouquet of flowers. Right now, I have half the money that I will need for the bouquet. I want to get a bouquet of flowers for her, because my mother is going through some tough times. I want to cheer her up. I think she would love it.

**Aslyn Litton, 6th grade,
Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at listening. If I could listen better, I will do a better job listening to my parents, teacher, and family. Listening is a really good thing. It helps people a lot. Listening helps people to know what to do when learning something new. That is my New Year's Resolution.

**Brady Miller, 6th grade,
Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Sanders**

One of my New Year's resolutions is to read more books. I would like to read more because I think it is a way to learn more, and expand my understanding of many different things. There are so many books to choose from. This resolution will definitely be possible because I am determined to do it. What is your 2017 New Year's resolution?

**Emily Thompson, 6th grade,
Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Sanders**

My goal for this upcoming year is to be successful. This school year is passing by quickly and before we know it, we will take that first step through the doors of high school. Throughout high school, I want to thrive to be successful. Being successful will lead to the opportunity of scholarships, jobs, and colleges. In careers, people look for the backgrounds of people who have done all they can do or even over achieved. Scholarships are often offered to successful students as they strive to pursue their dreams. This will also be a factor in choosing colleges. A successful life will lead to an amazing moment. This is my goal for the year 2017.

**Cordell Henry, 8th grade,
Surgoinville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley**

As 2016 becomes 2017, hopefully goals and resolutions will be met. Many people want to make the year better and make themselves better as well. My goal this upcoming year is to be more spontaneous. I want life to be full of great adventures and memories that shall be remembered, and I want to encourage others to live life in the moment. You're only going to live this life once; that's all you get, but if you do it right and fulfill your wildest dreams, once is enough.

**Kristen Kennedy, 8th grade,
Surgoinville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley**

My goal is to be a better student. Now, I am an A-B student and my goal is to reach for an A average. This is to make a better foundation for my future learning experiences. I am hoping to make a steady start to enter high school. It is something I'm reaching a little harder for.

**Madison Wolle, 8th grade,
Pennington Middle School, Ms. Clark/Mrs. Edwards**

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