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Winter 2010

Happy New Year!

This year is especially exciting because 2010 is the beginning of a new decade.

Some people set goals each January as a New Year's tradition. How about you?

You might want to master that new game you received over the holidays, improve your grades at school, or save up money for a special purchase.



Since this is a new decade, it might be fun to think ahead to what your life might be like 10 years from now. By 2020, you could be in high school or college!

When you think that far ahead, what goals do you have? And what could you do between now and then to help make those goals a reality?

You can think about reaching goals just like you think about the number of steps it takes for you to get from the front door of your house to the kitchen to get a snack after school. Each step gets you closer to your destination, or goal.

Many of your future goals will take money, such as taking high school trips or paying a share of your college expenses. Take a minute to think about your 2020 goal.

You can take a step in 2010 that will help you reach your 2020 goal. You can set aside some of your allowance or gifts of money in your bank account for that long-term goal.

If you write down your goal or draw a picture of it, it will help you to remember to save. It is fun to watch savings grow over time, and you will feel great when you reach your goal.

Your Pal,

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What is the largest denomination of U.S. currency in circulation?

The \$100 bill is the highest denomination still being printed in the United States, but currency in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 still are considered legal tender. The large bills haven't been printed since 1969 and they are removed from circulation, or "retired," if they show up in a Federal Reserve Bank. The large denominations were retired because people now are more likely to use checks, credit cards, or computers to exchange large amounts of money.

JOKE CORNER

- Q. What's the quickest way to double your money?
A. Fold it in half.
- Q. What are prehistoric monsters called when they sleep?
A. Dinosnores.

Did you know? The words "United States of America" appear 12 times on the \$100 bill.

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