

If you move away from cardinal numbers to ordinal numbers, what anagram examples exist in the range "January first" to "December thirty-first"?

The only example I can find is:  
May third: myriadth"

**A. Ross Eckler** notes that: "In "Toward More Efficient Number Mnemonics" in the August Word Ways, **Mike Keith** reduces the inefficiency ratio (the number of letters in the mnemonic, divided by the number of digits encoded) from 5.5 to 2 while maintaining a high degree of sense. However, it is dauntingly difficult to translate the mnemonic into a string of digits. I suggest a simple alternative: select ten letters of the alphabet to represent the various digits of pi, and intermingle the remaining sixteen letters to make a sensible mnemonic. For example, if 1234567890 is represented by NIGHTWORKS, then pi is represented by G.NHNTKIWTG, and the mnemonic GuN HuNT: Kill aWay! TaG iT! uses 20 letters to code 11 digits (1.8). Similarly, if 012345678789 is represented by NIGHTWORKS, then pi is H.ITIWSGOWH, and the mnemonic Have pITy--I WaS GOd--WHy? uses 18 letters to code 10 digits (also 1.8). (For ease of memorization, select a ten-letter heteronym to encode the digits.)"

## A POEM

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This is an excerpt from Gardner's 1969 book *Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son* (Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

### Good Sport

It's time you learned that no one cares  
    To play a game, my son,  
With boys who crow and thump their chest,  
While loudly boasting, "I'm the best!"  
    Whenever they have won.

And surely you can understand  
    That people feel the same  
Toward little boys who fuss and fume  
And kick the board across the room  
    When they have lost a game.

So if you'd like your Dad to play  
    Another game or two,  
You'll have to show him that you can  
Behave with manners better than  
    A monkey at the zoo.