

Theme: Lunar New Year - Part 1

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Hello StrongStart friends,

Today's content is put together by Teacher Michelle (from Douglas).

Lunar New Year (sometimes called Chinese New Year) is not a single day celebration. The holiday is sixteen days long! It starts from the Lunar New Year's Eve and includes the Spring Festival (for 11 days) and the Lantern Festival (for 4 days). This year in 2021, **Lunar New Year celebration commences Thursday Feb 11 through Friday Feb 26**



Xin Nian Kuai Le is "Happy New Year" in Mandarin. During the new year, we wish other friends and families happiness and health. To learn more about Lunar New Year traditions check out this animated video called "Fortune Tales - The Story of Lunar New Year" - <https://youtu.be/GVPdFX9iHY>



During Lunar New Year, we will see lots of bright lanterns. Let's make some for our home!

Source: <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-lantern.html>



Materials:

- red or yellow construction paper
- scissors
- stapler or tape
- decorative materials like washi tape, ribbons, sparkles, stickers, small buttons etc

Instructions:

- Cut a 1-inch strip for the handle. Set aside.
- Fold the paper in half, lengthwise.
- Cut from **folded edge** upwards and leave about 1 inch from the top.
- Open up the paper and decorate with gold paint, stickers, glitter or whatever you have!
- Staple the paper together by forming it into a tube shape.
- Hang it up for all to see!



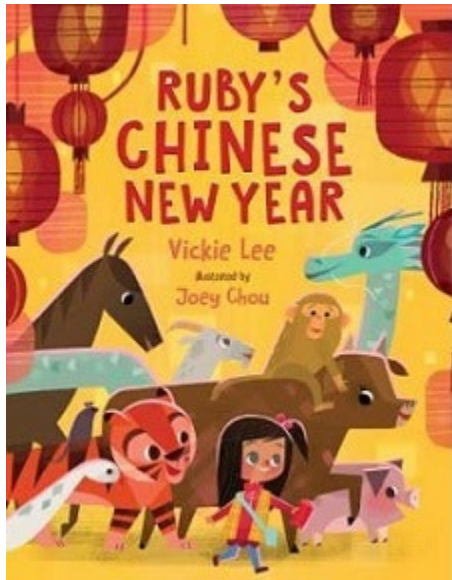
After our craft, let's move our bodies a little. Here's a Chinese Dragon Dance song (to the tune Mary Had a Little Lamb) by the Kiboomers you can sing and dance to at home - <https://youtu.be/by5sTzh67fU>

*See the dragons, dance and prance,
Dance and prance, dance and prance,
On Chinese New Year's Day.*

**Repeat with other movements like hop, hop, hop; shake their tails; spin around; go to sleep, etc.*



To finish this email, let's listen to Teacher Michelle read "Ruby's Chinese New Year" by Vickie Lee and Joey Chou - https://youtu.be/Bqi_vUM5ih4



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