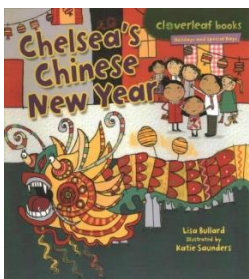


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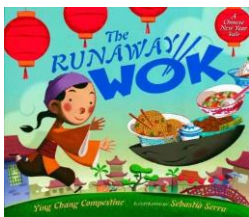
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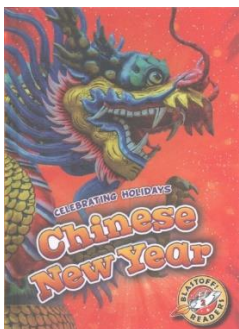
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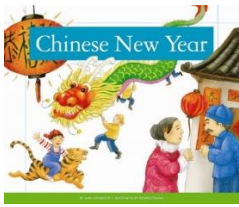
[Chelsea's Chinese New Year](#) by Lisa Bullard (E 394.261 BUL): Explains the significance of the holiday, discussing the traditional foods and customs. Also available as [eBook](#).



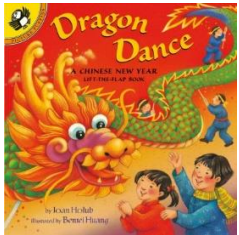
[The Runaway Wok](#) by Ying Chang Compestine (E 394.261 COM): On Chinese New Year's Eve, a poor man who works for the richest businessman in Beijing sends his son to market to trade their last few eggs for a bag of rice, but instead he brings home an empty--but magic--wok that changes their fortunes forever.



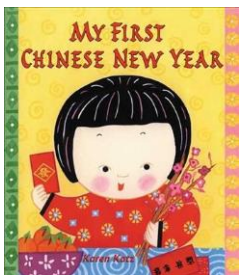
[Chinese New Year](#) by Rachel Koestler-Grack (E 394.261 GRA): An informative introduction to Chinese New Year. Includes chapters on Chinese New Year beginnings and traditions.



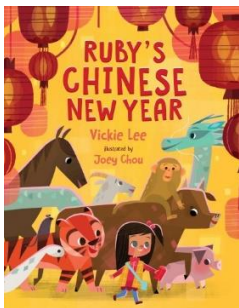
**[Chinese New Year](#)** by Ann Heinrichs (E 394.261 HEI): The Chinese New Year is a time to celebrate renewal and fresh beginnings. Includes the history and pastimes associated with the Chinese New Year, as well as what they can do to commemorate the day.



**[Dragon Dance a Chinese New Year](#)** by Joan Holub (E HOL): Describes the celebration of Chinese New Year from a young child's point of view. Includes directions for making a dragon puppet.



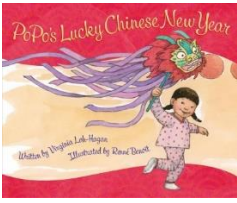
**[My First Chinese New Year](#)** by Karen Katz (E KAT): A girl and her family prepare for and celebrate Chinese New Year.



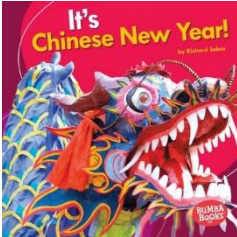
**[Ruby's Chinese New Year](#)** by Vicki Lee (E LEE): As Ruby travels to her grandmother's house to bring her a gift for Chinese New Year, she is joined by all of the animals of the zodiac. Includes the legend of the Chinese horoscope and instructions for crafts. Also available as [eBook](#).



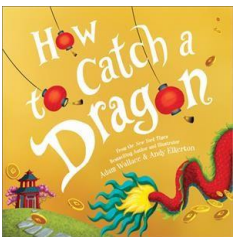
**[Bringing in the New Year](#)** by Grace Lin (E LIN): A Chinese American family prepares for and celebrates the Lunar New Year. End notes discuss the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year. Also available as [eBook](#).



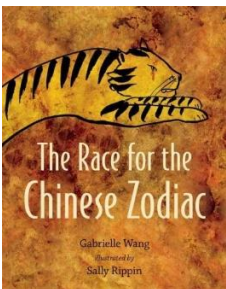
**[Po-Po's Lucky Chinese New Year](#)** by Virginia Loh-Hagan (E LOH): When her Chinese grandmother comes to visit, a young Chinese-American girl learns about and participates in the month-long celebration of an authentic Chinese New Year, adhering to the traditional customs and beliefs. Also available as eBook.



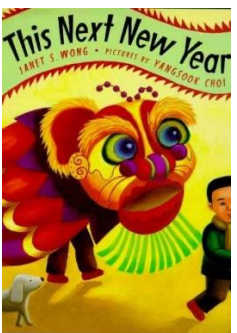
**[It's Chinese New Year](#)** by Richard Sebra (E SEB): Carefully leveled text and fresh, vibrant photos engage young readers in learning about the traditions and celebrations of Chinese New Year.



**[How to Catch a Dragon](#)** by Adam Wallace (E WAL): Carefully leveled text and fresh, vibrant photos engage young readers in learning about the traditions and celebrations of Chinese New Year. Also available as [Audiobook](#).



**[The Race for the Chinese Zodiac](#)** by Gabrielle Wang (E WAN): A retelling of the mythological animal race that led to the twelve signs in the Chinese Zodiac traces the proclamation of the Jade Emperor and the respective efforts of thirteen animals.



**[This Next New Year](#)** by Janet Wong (E WON): A family prepares to celebrate the Lunar New Year and looks forward to the good luck they hope it will bring.

# Chinese New Year Rhymes & Songs:

## The Great Big Dragon

There's a great big dragon coming our way,  
A great big dragon on this holiday, (*march in a weaving line*)  
Let's grab our lanterns and follow along,  
Dancing and waving and singing a song. (*dancing and waving*)  
There's a great big dragon coming our way,  
Hip, hip, hurray!



## Firecracker, Firecracker

Firecracker, firecracker,  
Boom-boom, boom-boom,  
Red lanterns, red lanterns,  
Swing-swing, swing-swing,  
Dragon dance, dragon dance,  
Stomp-stomp, stomp-stomp,  
New Year, New Year -  
Open the door and COME IN!



Five Chinese Lanterns - Print the lantern images on the page below and use them to count with the rhyme.

One Chinese lantern shining bright,  
Use it to light your way at night.  
If it's really dark, just light one more,  
That's what Chinese lanterns are for!

Two Chinese lanterns shining bright,  
Use them to light your way at night.  
If it's really dark, just light one more,  
That's what Chinese lanterns are for!

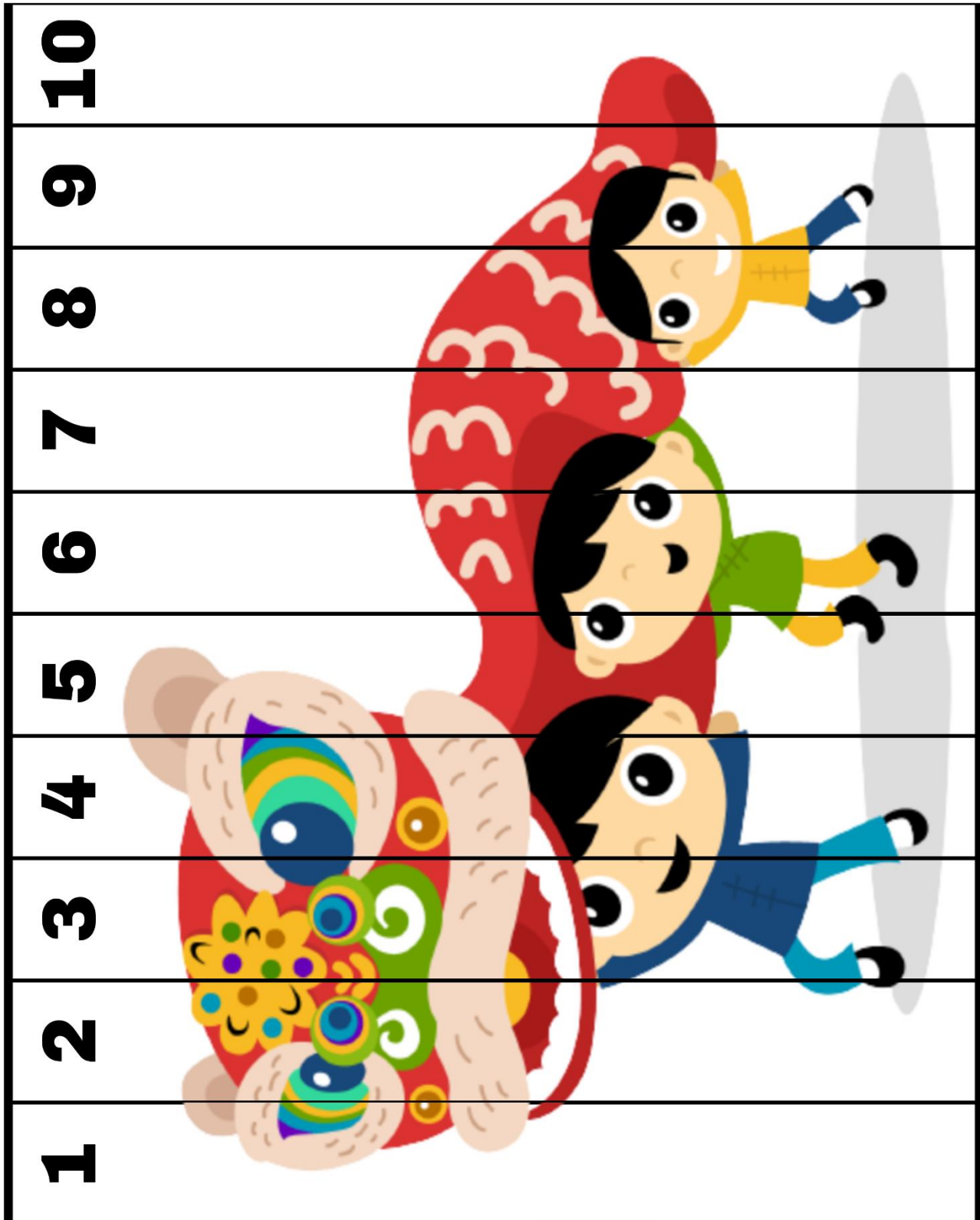
Repeat with three, four

Five Chinese lanterns shining bright,  
Lanterns help celebrate Chinese New Year!  
Gung Hay Fat Choy! Gung Hay Fat Choy!



## STEAM Activity - Chinese New Year Puzzle:

Help your child cut out the puzzle along the lines. Mix up the pieces and help your child put the puzzle back together using the numbers as a guide and to practice counting and number recognition.



## Steam Activity - Chinese Fan Sorting:

Help your child cut out the Chinese fans on the next page. Mix them up, then have your child put them in the correct column, sorting between small, medium, and large.

Small	Medium	Large





## Chinese New Year Coloring Sheet:

Have your child color the Chinese dragons and trace the words “Happy New Year” for some extra writing practice!

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

