

Chinese New Year Program Plan

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Intended Audience: 5-8 year olds

Length: 45 min- 1 hr

Nonfiction books used:

- **D is for Dancing Dragon* by Carole Crane
- **The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac* by Dawn Casey
- **Chinese New Year* by Katie Marsico

Fiction books used:

- **Bringing in the New Year* by Grace Lin
- **Red is a Dragon* by Rosanne Thong

Recommended titles for further reading:

- **Lanterns and Firecrackers* by Jonny Zucker
- **Celebrating Chinese New Year: An Activity Book* by Hingman Chan
- **Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Chinese New Year: With Fireworks, Dragons, and Lanterns* by Carolyn Otto
- **Happy, Happy Chinese New Year* by DEMI DEMI
- **My First Chinese New Year* by Karen Katz
- **Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year* by Kate Walters and Martha Cooper

Budget:

Dragon decoration-\$5.25
Foam dragon stickers- \$5.99
Cotton balls- \$3
Yellow glitter paint- \$5
Red construction paper- \$3
Sequins- \$5.49
Glue- \$4.86

Total: \$32.59



Schedule:

5-5:15- Introduction, read *Chinese New Year* and selections from *D is for Dancing Dragon* (based on letters chosen by children)

5:15-5:25- Song with movement

5:25-5:35- Read *The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac*

5:35- 6- Craft and activity stations based on child interest

Dragon Dance Song (sung to: Mary Had A Little Lamb)

See the dragons dance and prance, dance and prance, dance and prance. See the dragons dance and prance on Chinese New Year's Day.

Repeat with:

- hop, hop, hop
- shake their tails
- turn around
- go to sleep

(from PerpetualPreschool.com)

Other materials needed:

Chopsticks
Egg cartons
Paintbrushes
Small toys/manipulatives

These materials can be collected ahead of time, and the paintbrushes have already been purchased and are part of the supplies that are available for programs.

Craft/Activity Stations



Sensory table or large plastic tubs can be filled with cotton balls and small toys/manipulatives, chopsticks and egg cartons. Children can practice using chopsticks to place items in the egg cartons.



Good fortune banners can be painted using red paper and yellow glitter paint. Step-by-step instructions for painting the symbols can be found and printed [here](#).



Paper lanterns will be assembled ahead of time. At the program, children can decorate the lanterns with foam glitter dragon stickers, sequins, and paint.

Join Us in Learning All About the CHINESE NEW YEAR

Children between 5 and 8 years old are invited
to the Main Street Library for stories, songs,
and crafts to celebrate the Chinese New Year!



When: Saturday, February 1st at 1 pm

Please register at the Children's Services Desk or on
the Main Street Public Library website by
Tuesday, January 28th.



Scan this code for a direct
link to the registration page.



This flier can be posted in the library, in schools, and community cultural centers. The QR code will take patrons to the registration page.

Facebook page post:

The Chinese New Year is almost here! Introduce your child (5-8 yrs) to the rich culture surrounding the Chinese New year on Saturday, February 1st at 1 pm! We will read stories, learn a new song, and explore aspects of the celebration through crafts and activities. Register at the Children's Services desk or online by Tuesday, January 28th. We hope to see you there!

Bookmarks can also be made to promote the program. They can be available in school libraries as well as the public library.


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