

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will learn about Chinese New Year and its traditions.

Materials and Prep

- Red paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons
- Plain white paper
- Knowledge of basic Chinese New Year traditions

Activities

- **Make a Chinese New Year Lantern:** Cut the red paper into strips and glue them together to form a lantern. Decorate it with markers or crayons.
- **Create a Chinese Dragon:** Draw and color a dragon on the white paper. You can make it as long and colorful as you want!
- **Learn Chinese New Year Greetings:** Practice saying "Xin Nian Kuai Le" which means Happy New Year in Chinese.

Talking Points

- **What is Chinese New Year?**
"Chinese New Year is a special holiday celebrated by Chinese people around the world to mark the beginning of a new year."
- **Why is red important during Chinese New Year?**
"Red is a lucky color in Chinese culture and is believed to bring good fortune and happiness."
- **What is a dragon dance?**
"During Chinese New Year, people perform dragon dances to scare away evil spirits and bring good luck."
- **Why do people give red envelopes during Chinese New Year?**
"Red envelopes are given as gifts during Chinese New Year to bring good luck and prosperity to the receiver."