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It's a special time of year,  
A time of hope for wealth and cheer,

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of dragons floating down the street,

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and lots of sweets and treats to eat!

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Fireworks light up the sky.

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It's Chinese New Year!  
That is why!

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So get your fans and lanterns, too,

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and fly a Chinese kite or two!

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### Note to the teacher:

The title of this reader, Gung Hay Fat Choy, means “Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year.” This is the phonetic spelling for the Chinese saying.

The symbols (page 1) stand for prosperity and happiness.

The dragon (page 2) is a popular symbol for Chinese New Year. It symbolizes strength, goodness, and good luck. Some of the silk parade dragons are 100 feet long! Many Chinese kites reflect the popularity of the dragon (page 7).

A popular treat is the almond cookie. Noodles are for longevity and oranges and tangerines bring good fortune.

Fireworks are an important part of any Chinese New Year celebration. One belief is that it wakes up the dragon that flies across the sky to bring spring rain to the crops.

Good web link for more info and pictures:

[http://www.theschoolbell.com/Links/Chinatown/Window\\_dec.html](http://www.theschoolbell.com/Links/Chinatown/Window_dec.html)

