

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!



NEW YEAR

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

Bringing In the New Year
by Grace Lin

Happy New Year, Spot
by Eric Hill

Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas
by Gail Piernas-Davenport

Squirrel's New Year's Resolution
by Pat Miller

Every Month Is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World (non-fic)
by Marilyn Singer

P. Bear's New Year's Party
by Paul Owen Lewis

The Night Before New Year's
by Natasha Wing

365 Penguins
by Jean-Luc Fromental

Freedom Soup
by Tami Charles

New Clothes For New Year's Day
by Hyun-Joo Bae

Sesame Street Celebrates Around the World (dvd)

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Celebrate the New Year

[Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

Cheer, cheer, cheer the year,
A new one's just begun.
Celebrate with all your friends,
Let's go have some fun!
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
A brand new year is here.
Learning, laughing, singing, clapping,
Through another year.

Hello New Year

[Tune: "Are You Sleeping?"]

Hello New Year
Hello New Year
Good bye old
Good bye old
Hello New Year
Hello New Year
We're glad you're here
We're glad you're here.

Five Little Firecrackers [fingerplay]

Five little firecrackers getting ready to zoom [**hold five fingers up**]
Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle [**build anticipation by sizzling hands low to high**]
BOOM! [**clap hands high above head**]

[Verses: 4, 3, 2, 1]



ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "Excited"

Lunar New Year's Day

[Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

See the dragon dance and prance,
Dance and prance, dance and prance
See the dragon dance and prance
On Lunar New Year's Day!

Hear the firecrackers pop
Pop pop pop pop pop pop
Hear the firecrackers pop
On Lunar New Year's Day!

See the children laugh and clap
Laugh and clap laugh and clap
See the children laugh and clap
On Lunar New Year's Day!

The Lunar New Year is celebrated by many Asian people around the world and many Asian Americans in the United States.

Because the lunar calendar has 13 months, this holiday can fall anywhere between January and mid-February. This year, it will be celebrated on February 12th.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom [action rhyme]

Zoom Zoom Zoom, [*rub hands together in rhythm to the beat*]

The year is changing soon
Zoom zoom zoom

The year is changing soon
If you want to make a wish

Hold it tight inside your fist
Zoom zoom zoom

The year is changing soon
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, [*count down on fingers*]
Happy New Year!

"This Is The New Year," by A Great Big World (2013)

MORE FUN!

"Best of the Year" Game

Materials:

Paper
Pens/pencils
(optional) scissors
(optional) bowl/jar



Take turns with your child(ren) writing prompts for reflection on the past year.

Examples:

"Best piece of advice you got this year"

"Best movie you saw this year"

"Best thing you did for someone else this year"

Cut or tear off the prompts and fold them in half. Put them into a pile or bowl and take turns drawing prompts and answering them.

Not only does this help your child(ren) strengthen their long-term memory skills, but it sets aside a special time in your family's busy life for you all to reflect on the joyful moments of the past year!

What other holidays and festivals might have fireworks, music, and parades? What traditions does your family share when marking special occasions?

Brainstorm a list of other words that begin with the letter 'Y' together.

What are some other common ways to measure time? Talk with your child about minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months. Look at a calendar and a clock together and point out what you can observe.

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