

Happy New Year Banner

GUNG
"HAPPY"
HAY
FAT
"NEW"
CHOY
"YEAR"

恭賀新年

Children will love speaking and writing Chinese during Chinese New Year celebrations. Ask students to pronounce the words "Kung Shi" (Gung She) which means "Happy New Year." Traditionally, this greeting is said to

friends while bowed at the waist with hands folded. After the children have perfected their greeting, have them try their hand at writing the characters "Gung Hay Fat Choy" on New Year banners.



Cut long rectangles, about 12" x 30", of red butcher paper and ask students to write the characters "Gung Hay Fat Choy" down the center of the banners with black tempera paint.

After the banners have dried, cut 12" strips of black construction paper. Fold the strips over long pieces of yarn and staple to the top of the banners.

Hang these lovely Chinese greetings in your classroom throughout your New Year celebrations.

Lantern

Make dozens of Chinese lanterns simply by having each student fold a 12" x 18" sheet of colored construction paper in half and cut as shown. Ask them to unfold the paper and staple the outside edges to form a cylinder. Students can add paper handles and cut-paper decorations if they wish. Hang them throughout your classroom for a truly festive atmosphere.

