



## 2010 Chinese New Year Party Ideas For Classrooms

Celebrating Chinese New Year is always fun! Make it more memorable by celebrating with classmates and friends! So wear the best Chinese dresses you've got and party with these fun ideas:

Decorate your classrooms with your do-it-yourself Chinese New Year crafts such as *Chinese New Year lanterns* and hang it on your classroom ceilings, make strings of attached *Chinese red envelopes* and use as banners on the walls, and adorn the rest of the area with Christmas lights. And for finishing touches, pop a CD of Chinese children songs in your player.

For fun Chinese New Year party activities, you can read Chinese story books such as stories about the Chinese zodiacs or interesting story about the zodiac, tiger. All these Chinese books, you can purchase conveniently online at [ChildBook.com](http://ChildBook.com) for very reasonable prices. You can also do interpretative dance with Chinese songs, solve puzzles of the different Chinese zodiacs, and let the students create their own *Chinese New Year zodiac cards* that they can give to their parents when they get home.

A kid's party is never complete without games, so here are few suggestions for Chinese New Year games:

Whisper to two or more students their zodiac animal and instruct to sound off whatever animal was assigned to them. They must walk around the room to look for their partner/group mates who are of the same animal. If they found their partner/ group mates, they must shout the name of their assigned Zodiac animal to win the game.

For older kids, you can play the chopsticks game. This is advisable to children aged 6 and above. You can play it by team or individual depending on how many students you have. Each student or each team must have a pair of chopstick and a bowl. Prepare different items such as marshmallows, pebbles, candy, chocolate balls, etc. and scatter them on a long table. Each student must walk her/his way to the table and pick the items one at a time using the chopstick. They must then walk back and put it on the bowl and hand the chopstick over to the next student (if it's a team, otherwise same student must go back to the table and pick the rest of the items) to pick the next item.

Whoever team finishes first, wins the game. No hands should be used at any point. If in case the item falls from the chopstick, it must be picked up and return to the table and the student needs to start over.

To complete the [Chinese New Year party](#), yummy food must satisfy the hungry stomach of the super active students. You can prepare simple meals or snacks such as spring rolls, fortune cookies, Chinese noodles, and for dessert ice cream topped with Mandarin oranges.

Lastly, the party goers will be thrilled to receive a simple party favor at the end of the celebration. It could be a cute chopstick, small tiger stuff toy since it's year of the tiger or loot bag filled with sweet treats.

Your 2010 Chinese New Year party need not be expensive to be enjoyable. Put in a little of your creativeness and it'll be a blast. Wishing you a fun Chinese New Year!

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