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Clay Elementary School Students Celebrate Chinese New Year

February 7, 2012 – Reading about the Chinese New Year helped Clay Elementary School 2nd Grade students learn about many Chinese traditions, the Chinese calendar, and being generous. The stories tied in with their study of celebrations around the world.



They researched the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon, and the 12 zodiac symbols of the Chinese calendar. The Year of the Dragon began on January 23, 2012. The students also learned where China is on the map.

The class put on a short play about why the dragon was used as a Chinese symbol and why red is an important part of Chinese New Year celebrations. Students also decorated dragon masks, wrote their names in Chinese, and made leisees, which are Chinese gifts of money. One student brought in an authentic leisee her family received as a gift.

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Students made Chinese gifts of money and decorated dragon masks as part of their study of the Chinese New Year.