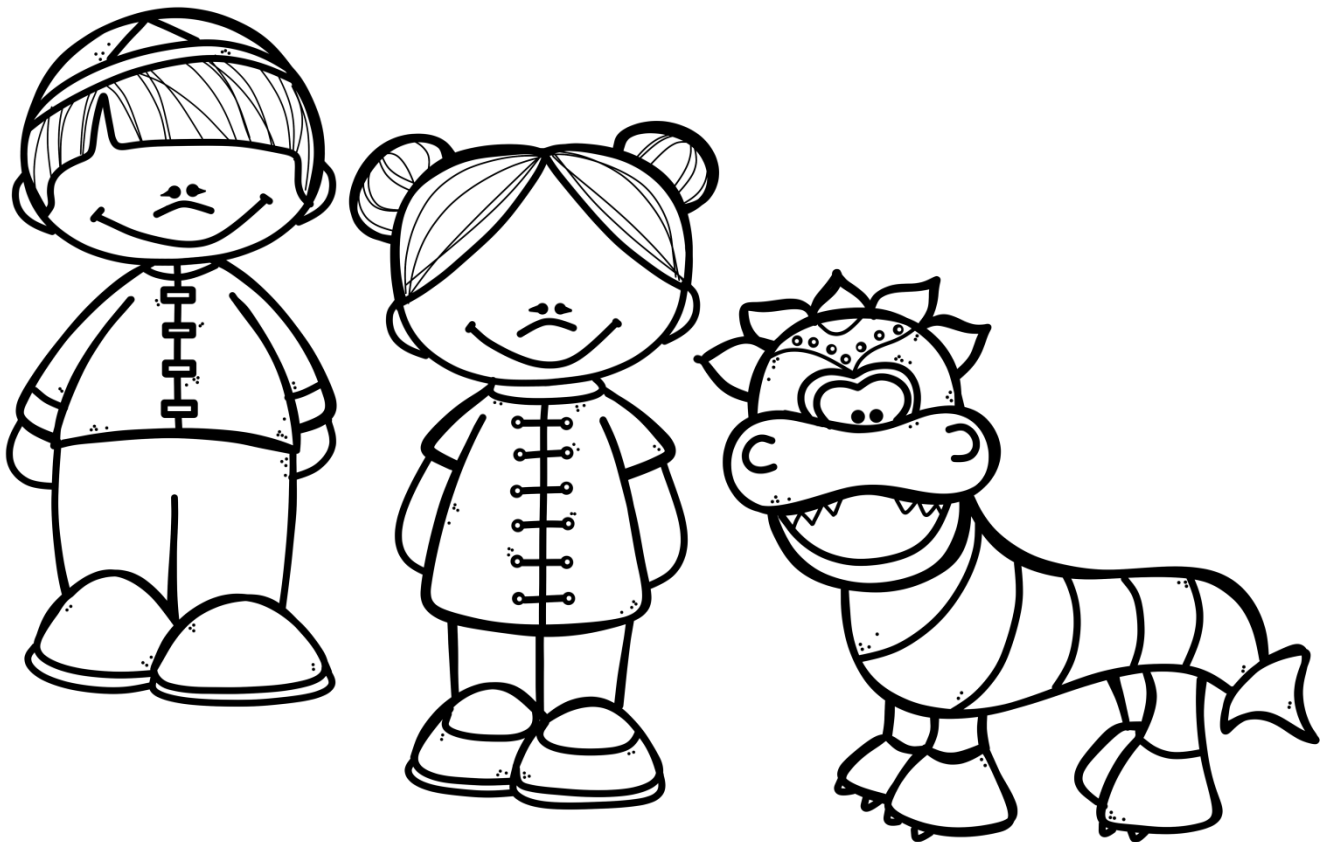
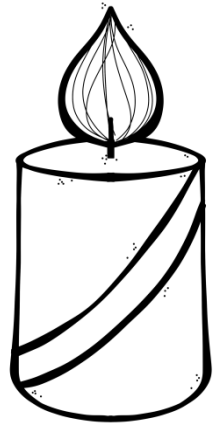
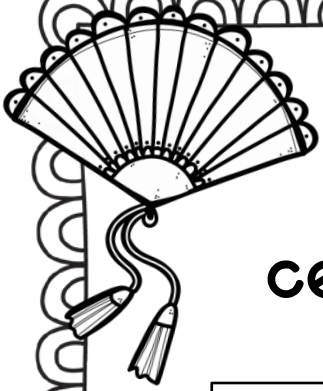


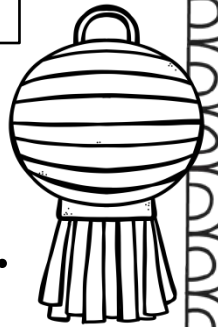
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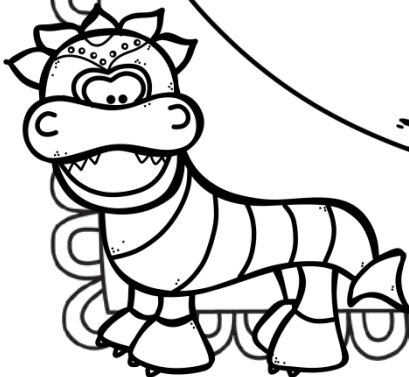
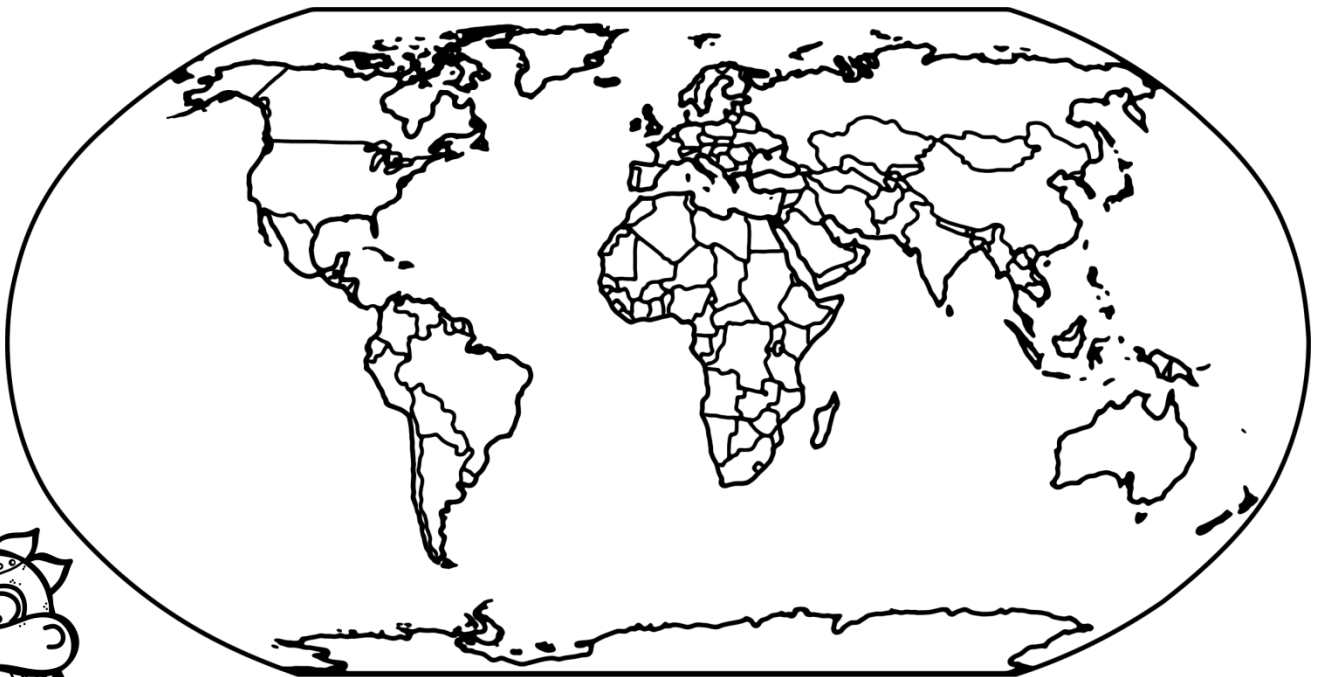
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What is one country who
celebrates Chinese New Year?



Find this country on the map.
Put a star where it is located.



Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. It is known as the spring festival and is the most important holiday in China. It is also celebrated in other countries with a large Chinese population.

The Chinese New Year is a way to recognize the new year on the Chinese lunar calendar. The celebration starts on the 23rd day of the 12th lunar month. It ends on the 15th day of the first lunar month in the following year.

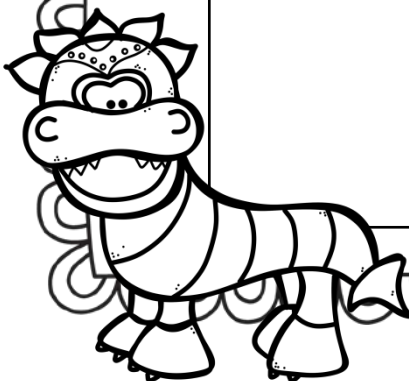
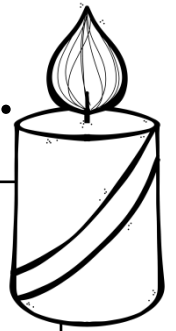
To recognize the holiday, many families will clean their homes which is thought to sweep away any ill-fortune. It will also welcome good luck. They also decorate their homes and doors with red posters, poems and lanterns. Mandarin trees are also used as a decoration.

The celebration is a time to spend time with relatives. Families will often gather for a reunion. Part of their celebration will include the honoring of ancestors.

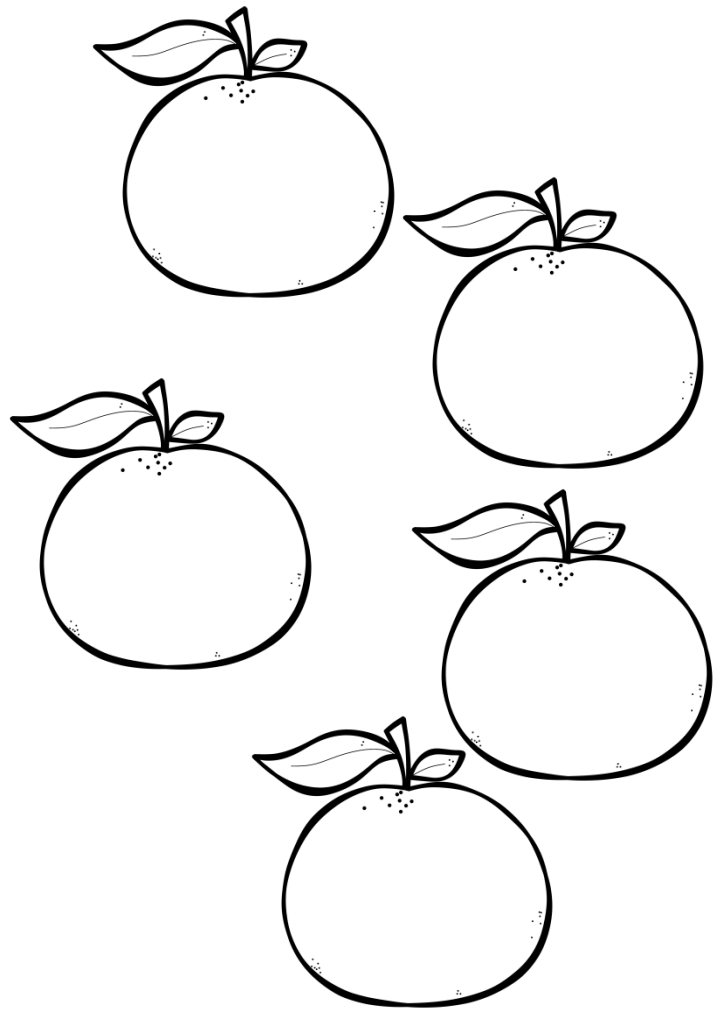
On Spring Festival Eve (much like our New Year's Eve), people will set off fireworks. Their hope is to send away bad luck and bring on good luck. Children might receive "luck" money which might be given in red paper envelopes.



How do families get ready for the celebration? Use words and pictures to show what they might do.

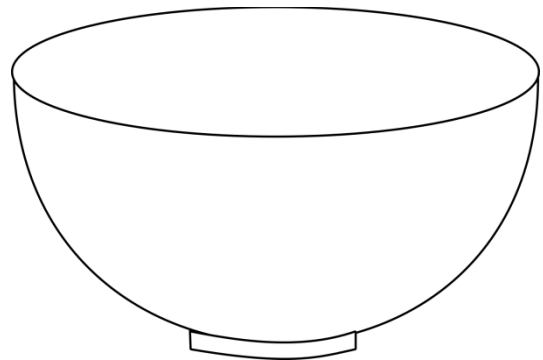
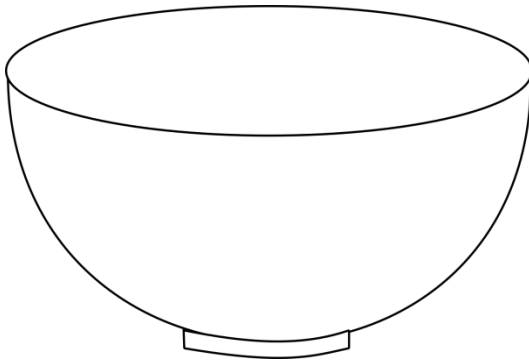


Families might decorate their homes with a
----- tree. This is similar to how many
people will put up a ----- in America.



When people come to the home , a
----- can make
a gift for the visitors.

Families will gather on Spring Festival Eve for a banquet. They will serve foods they think are lucky.

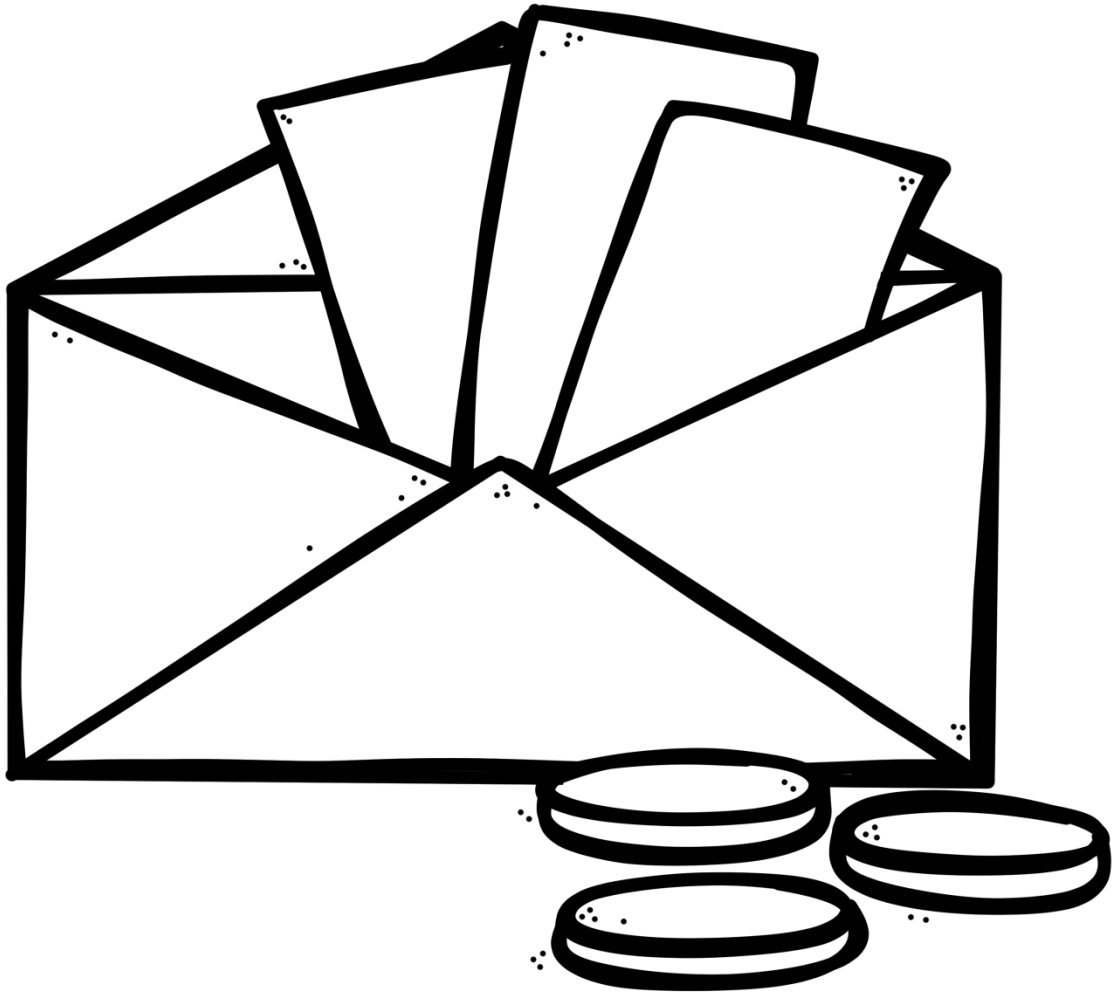


What are two foods that are commonly served at this banquet?

(Draw and label the foods.)

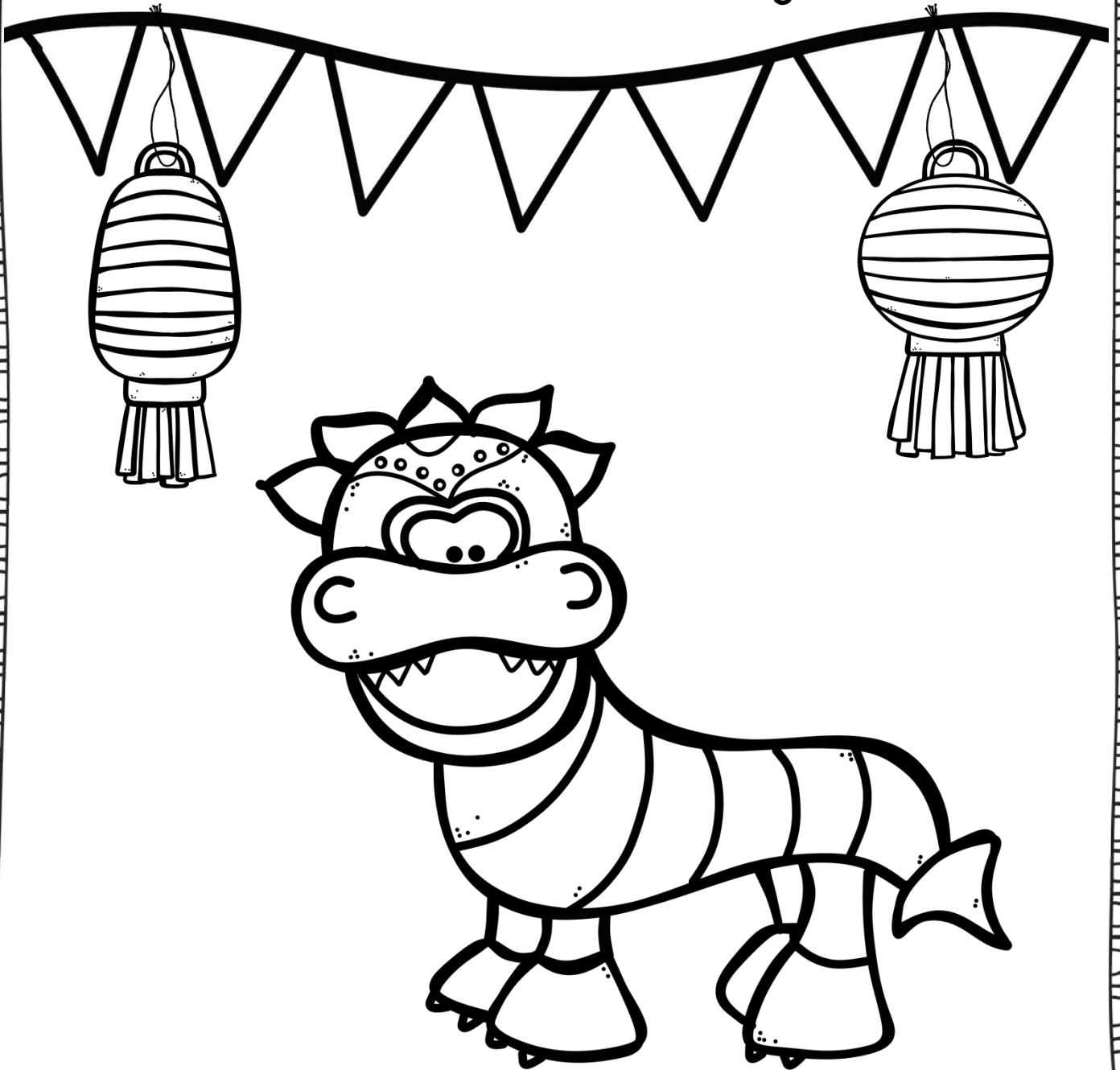


Children look forward to receiving a shiny red envelope. What will they find inside?



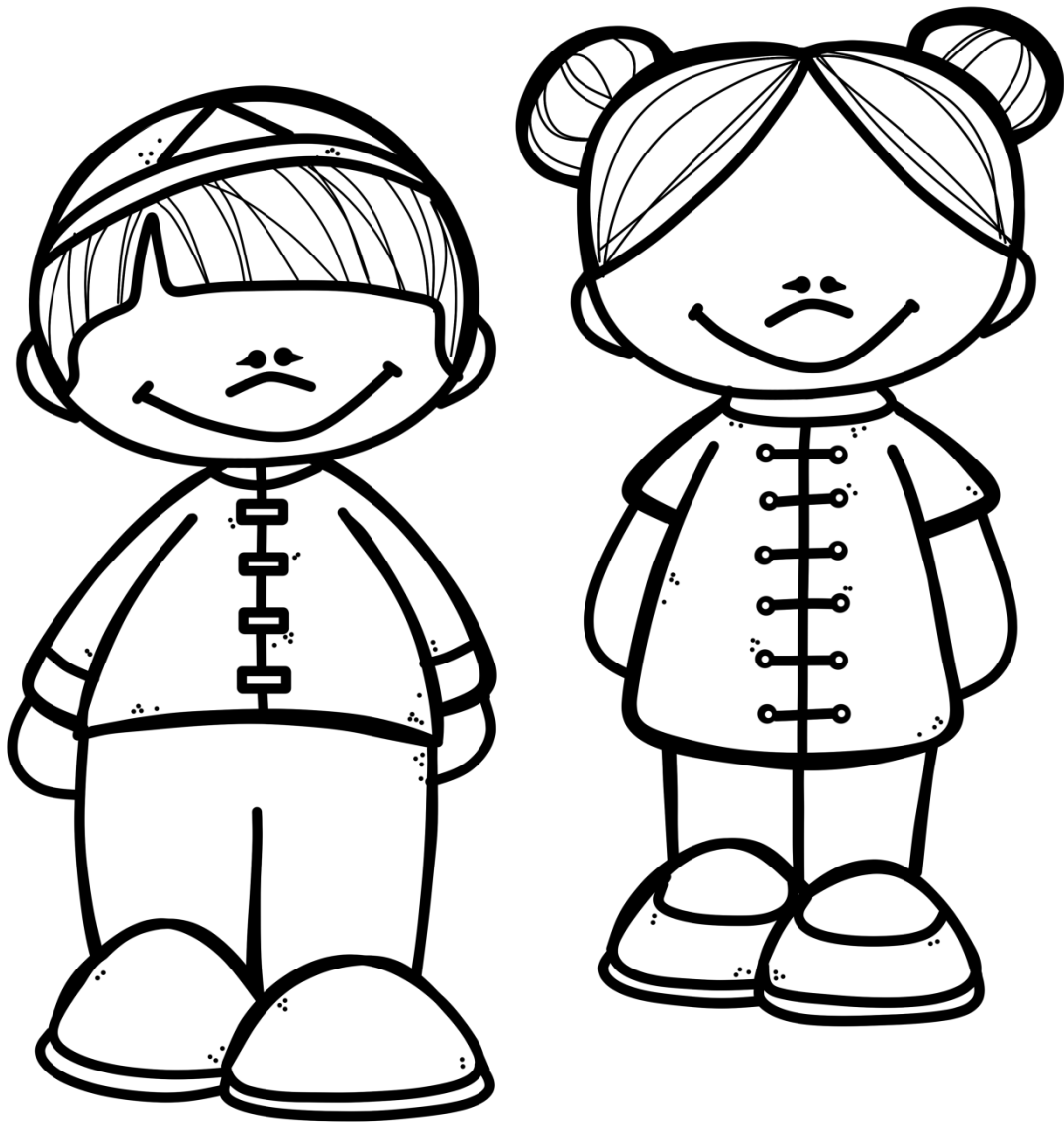
These envelopes might come from grandma, grandpa, uncles, aunts, moms and dads.

The Lantern Festival celebrates the end of the Chinese New Year. Streets are lined with lanterns. There are parades and performances. You will see the famous Chinese Lion and Dragon Dances.



Red lanterns are a sign of joy and vitality.

On the first day of the new year, all family members will wear new clothes. Some families still wear traditional Chinese clothing. Many will wear clothing that looks similar to what we wear.



Chinese New Year is celebrated in places other than China? What are some countries where it is celebrated?

