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## The Chinese New Year

To help prepare for the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, this August, students learned about the Chinese New Year. We discussed a book that told us many of the customs of the Chinese New Year, as well as learned a fan dance, ran in a chopstick relay, and participated in a dragon parade. Students also received the traditional red envelope that is given to children in China for good luck. The envelope was filled with 2 chocolate gold coins and a fortune cookie. What fun!

**Classes pose after learning a Chinese Fan Dance.**



From Left to Right – Mrs. Bender's class, Mrs. Burcham's afternoon class, Mrs. Dennill's class



From Left to Right – Drew's class, Mrs. Ensz's class, Mrs. Godwin's class



From Left to Right – Mrs. Kraft's pm class, Mrs. Manamperi's pm class, Mrs. Placzeks's class

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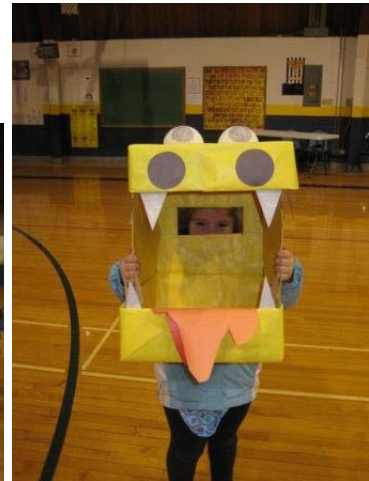
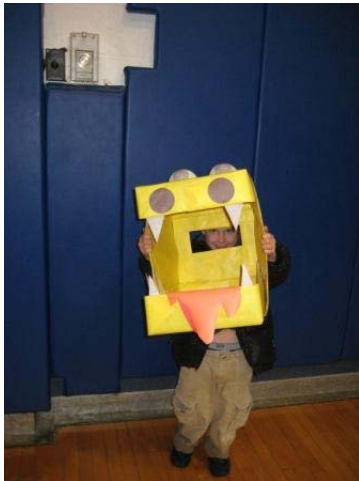


From Left to Right Mrs. Wolfe's class, students from Mrs. Manamperi's class

**We used cotton balls for rice during the chopstick relay.**



**We finished our study of the Chinese New Year with a dragon parade.**



**There were two kinds of Dragons in our parade.**



**The paper lanterns light the way.  
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Next came the noise makers and the pretend sparklers.



Our parade went through the halls and outside.

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**Some students and teachers came dressed for the celebration.**

*Studying the Chinese New Year was so much fun. We hope you enjoyed our pictures of this very special event.*