

# Week 3 Second Grade Decodables

Foundational Skill 3f: *Final Syllables -tion, -ture, -ion*

High Frequency Words: *take, move, smile, paint, might*

Nonfiction: *My Future*

Fiction: *Special Chinese Birthdays*

# My Future

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## Final Syllables -tion, -ture

future	picture(s)	mixture
action	stations	nation
locations	nature	motion

## High-Frequency Words

might	paint	
move	take	smile

There are many jobs  
that people have.  
When I think about my future,  
I try to picture what I might be.  
I have many choices!



Maybe I will be an artist.  
I can paint fine pictures,  
using a mixture of colors.  
My pictures will make people smile.



Maybe I will be a firefighter.  
I can take action to protect my city.  
Maybe I will work at stations  
all over the nation!



Maybe I will be a builder.  
I can make skyscrapers  
and houses in many locations.  
I could even make a house for myself!





Maybe I will be a park ranger.  
I can see wild animals and enjoy  
nature.  
I will show people how to be safe  
and keep things clean in my park.



Maybe I will be a dancer.  
I will be in motion every day.  
I will dance in shows  
and teach kids  
how to move nicely.





My future might hold anything!  
I know that I will be happy  
if I do something that I like  
and that makes other people glad.





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## **Birthdays Are Special**

How do you celebrate your birthday?  
Do you have a party and blow out  
candles on a cake? Do you get cards and  
presents from your family and friends?

People celebrate birthdays in  
different ways all over the world. Some  
Chinese people celebrate their birthdays  
with special traditions.





## Celebrating a New Baby

Chinese people celebrate a new baby. Family and friends bring special presents. They may bring the baby's family gifts of food.

They may also bring clothing and toys decorated with tigers. Many people from China believe the tigers protect the baby.



The parents have a Red Egg party when a new baby is one month old. Aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends all come to the party.

The parents tell everybody the new baby's name. The parents also give red colored eggs to each guest. Red means happiness. The eggs mean new life.



The baby's mother collects presents from friends and family. Some guests give the baby food. Grandparents may give the baby jewelry made of silver or gold.





Other guests may give the baby money wrapped in red paper. Red paper means a good future. The parents may save the money in a bank for when the baby grows up. At night there is a big dinner for all the guests.



## First Birthday

Another special tradition happens when the baby is one year old. The mother or father holds the baby. The family gives the baby a basket filled with different objects and toys.



There may be a doll, a truck, a spoon, or a pen. Everyone watches to see which object the baby touches first. The family believes that the object the baby picks shows what his or her future job will be. Which object do you think you would have picked?

