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

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Decodable Practice Reader

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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.



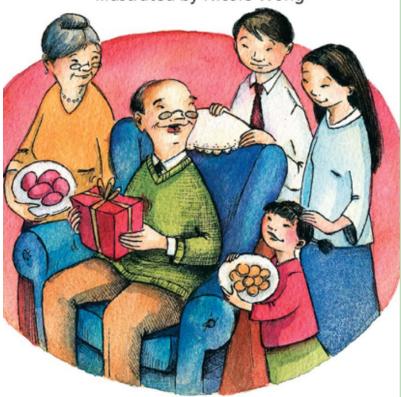
My future might hold anything!
I know that I will be happy
if I do something that I like
and that makes other people glad.





Special Chinese Birthdays

by Jessica Quilty illustrated by Nicole Wong



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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.

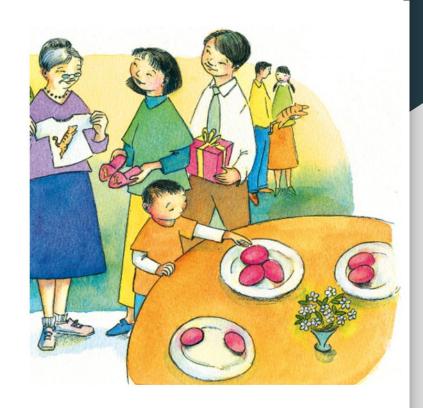
They may also bring clothing and toys decorated with tigers. Many people from China believe the tigers protect the baby.



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.

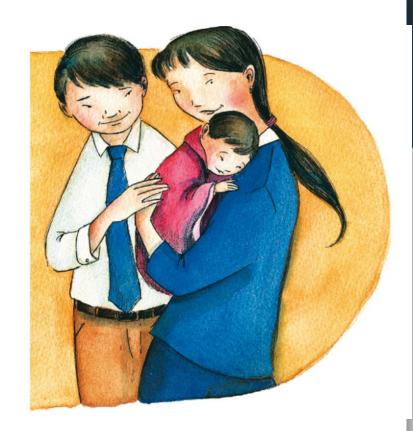
The parents tell everybody the new baby's name. The parents also give red colored eggs to each guest. Red means happiness. The eggs mean new life.



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.

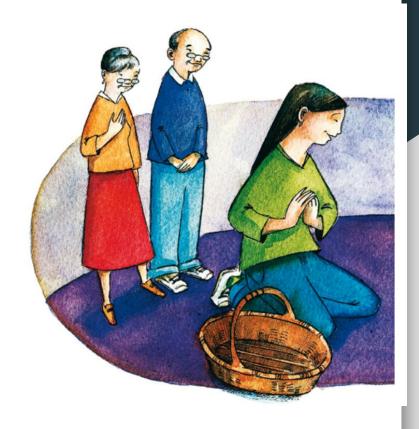


Other guests may give the baby money wrapped in red paper. Red paper means a good future. The parents may save the money in a bank for when the baby grows up. At night there is a big dinner for all the guests.



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?

