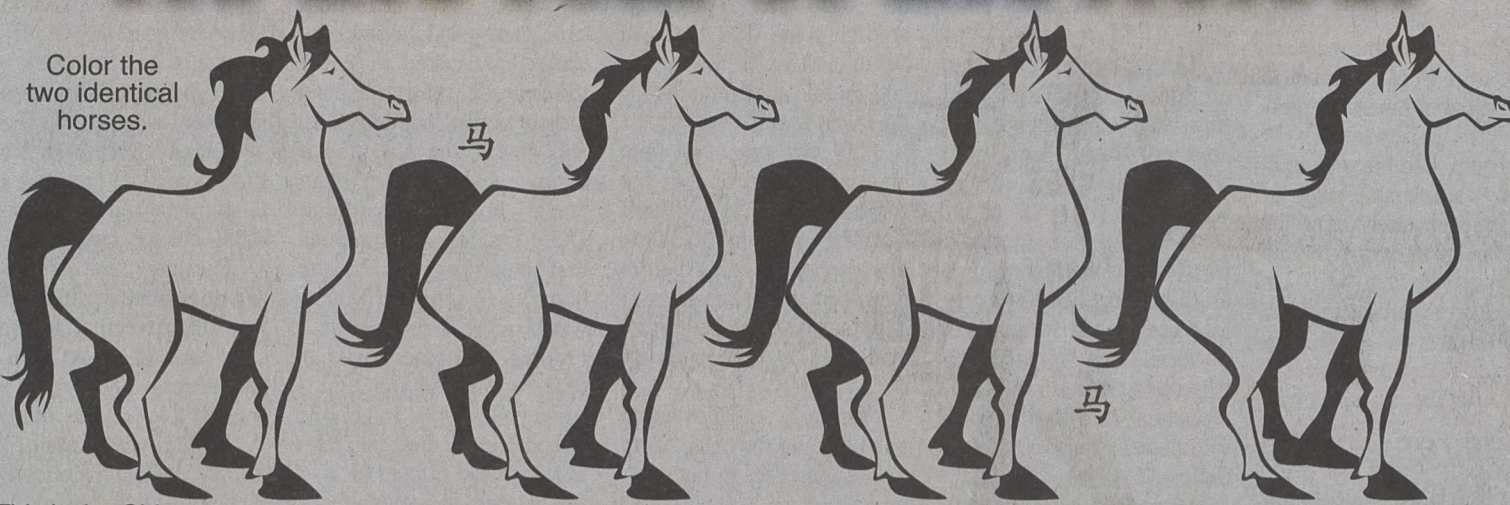


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Happy New Year! 马 Gung Hay Fat Choy!
It's the Year of the Horse!



Color the two identical horses.

This is the Chinese character for the word horse.



How many times can you find it on this page?

The Chinese Year of the Horse begins January 31, 2014.

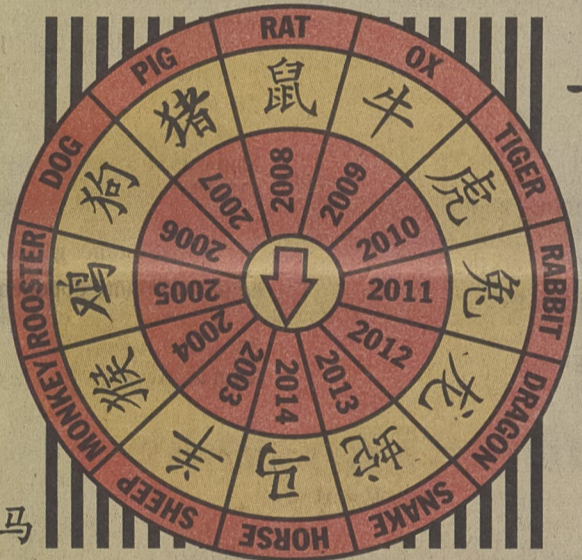
According to Chinese astrology, people born in the Year of the Horse are like horses in that they are independent and popular, fun, cheerful and energetic. They are hard workers and like to see a task completed. Sometimes they can be stubborn.

What year were you born?

The Chinese tell a story that, one day, a great teacher named Buddha invited all the animals to a meeting. Only twelve animals came. Buddha named a year after each of these animals.

The Chinese year starting January 31, 2014 is named after the horse.

Find the year you were born. Then work with a parent to figure out the animal representing the year they were born by counting back counter-clockwise. (Someone born in 1962 would be born in the year of the tiger.)



I was born in the year of the _____

My parent was born in the year of the _____

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students understand the traditions of varied cultures.

Firecrackers

Firecrackers are popular during the Chinese New Year celebrations. Why? Circle every other letter.

TQHMEBYTAFRLEDTGHPUSUQG
 KHKZTMONSNCVAJRWETOD
 FKLEDVRITLBSUPLIWRVIKTFST
 TH

Paper-cuts

Doors and windows are decorated with red-colored paper-cuts. These are made much like cut-paper snowflakes. How many differences can you find between these two paper-cuts?

Extra! Extra!
Even and Odd

Look through the newspaper for 5 even numbers and 5 odd numbers. Write each group in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Recognize odd and even numbers.

Kid Scoop Together: Chinese Characters
 Below are the Chinese characters for each of the animals. On the left, you'll see the complete character. Trace the shaded character on the right. Keep practicing until you can create each character.

rat: 鼠 鼠

ox: 牛 牛

tiger: 虎 虎

rabbit: 兔 兔

dragon: 龙 龙

snake: 蛇 蛇

horse: 马 马

sheep: 羊 羊

monkey: 猴 猴

rooster: 鸡 鸡

dog: 狗 狗

pig: 猪 猪

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Chinese New Year Gifts

Children receive red envelopes full of money. The amount they receive is usually an even number. The amount cannot be divisible by four. In Chinese, the number 4 means death.

Only one of these envelopes follows this principle. Circle the correct envelope.

\$12, \$10, \$16, \$24

马

Standards Link: Math: Solve problems using division.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ASTROLOGY
 ENVELOPES
 STUBBORN
 SPIRITS
 CHINESE
 MONEY
 HORSE
 HAPPY
 GUNG
 YEAR
 CHOY
 HAY
 FAT
 NEW
 FUN

F H Y E A R F U N F
 E O A I S A R E C R
 S R A Y T Y P P A H
 E S P I R I T S C K
 N E N R O B B U T S
 I E R F L E S T I N
 H S E P O L E V N E
 C H O Y G U N G V W
 I W I E Y E N O M S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INDEPENDENT**

The adjective **independent** means not under the control or rule of another.

The **independent** student could complete his homework without help.

Try to use the word **independent** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Passionate About Palindromes

Search through the newspaper for numbers that are palindromes. A palindrome is a number that remains the same when written forwards or backwards. 3663 is a palindrome.

Standards Link: Math: problem solving.

What is purple and 5,000 miles long?

ANSWER: The Grape Wall of China

Write On! Fortune Cookie Writer

Pretend it is your job to write the fortunes in fortune cookies. What would you write?

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