

Joey Scout Section

Date:
Leader:

Theme: International – China

Meeting Type – Normal

Time	Methods of Learning	Activity	Equipment	Leader
00	Ceremony	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Joey Law		
05	Game	Ping Pong Relay Divide the mob into two “teams”. Give each Joey a drinking straw. Each team has a “home base” at either end of the hall. The Joeys must get down on their hands and knees and attempt to blow a ball into the other team’s home base.	Straws Table tennis balls	
10	Story	“Sun Inn” (Chinese New Year) Chinese time is arranged in cycles of twelve years, each year named after an animal. Looking for ways to mark the twelve years in the Chinese zodiac, mythological Gods decided to name them after twelve animals. Of course, the animals argued endlessly about who was the most important and should, therefore come first. Fed up with their quarrelling, the gods decided the best way to end the arguments was to hold a swimming race from one bank of the river to the other. The winner would give his name to the first year. All the animals lined up at the river bank, raring to go. The gods counted to three, and the animals jumped into the water. The rat was the most determined to be first and, seeing the ox doing well, quickly climbed on the ox’s back. Then, when they got close to the opposite bank, the rat jumped off, made a quick dash, and walked onto land first. The rat won the race and gave his name to the first year. After him came the ox, the tiger, the hare, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the ram, the monkey, the rooster, the dog, and, finally, the pig. And that’s the order Chinese mythological gods used to name the twelve years.		
15	Craft	Dragon Bookmark Take a picture of a dragon, colour it, cut it out and glue to cardboard. Attach the lower portion of the pipe cleaner to the underside of the dragon so that about 2/3rds of the pipe cleaner pokes up over the top of the picture. Bend pipe cleaner down behind the dragon to form a hook. This can then be inserted between pages of a favourite book and the picture will hang over the front of the book.	Small dragon pictures Pipe cleaners glue, pencils scissors cardboard	
35	Song	“Puff the Magic Dragon”		

40	Game	<p>Dragon Game Joeys form a dragon by lining up in single file and holding the waist of the Joey in front of them. The first person is the Dragon's head and the last person is the tail. The object of the game is for the head to catch the tail. The tail, of course, does not want to be caught and tries to stay out of the head's grasp. The other players, who make up the body, must help the head. Everyone must hold tight so that the dragon does not break up. When the head catches the tail he/she becomes the new head.</p>		
45	Story	<p>Earth Shake! House Break! by Aaron Shepard</p>		
55	Ceremony	<p>Closing Ceremony Joey Promise Prayer Notices and thankyou</p>		



Puff the Magic Dragon

http://www.lyricsfreak.com/p/peter%2C+paul+%26+mary/puff+magic+dragon_20107715.html

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honalee
Little Jackie Paper loved that rascal puff,
And brought him strings and sealing wax and other fancy stuff. oh

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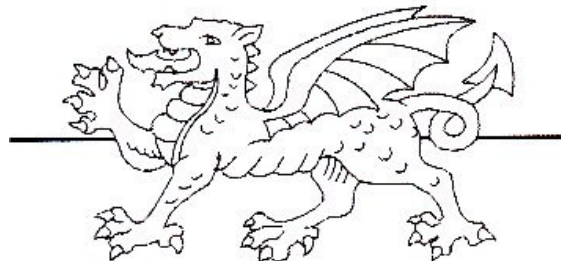
Together they would travel on a boat with billowed sail
Jackie kept a lookout perched on puffs gigantic tail,
Noble kings and princes would bow whenever they came,
Pirate ships would lower their flag when puff roared out his name. oh!

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A dragon lives forever but not so little boys
Painted wings and giant rings make way for other toys.
One grey night it happened, Jackie Paper came no more
And puff that mighty dragon, he ceased his fearless roar.

His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell like rain,
Puff no longer went to play along the cherry lane.
Without his life-long friend, puff could not be brave,
So puff that mighty dragon sadly slipped into his cave. oh!

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And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honalee,
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And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honalee.



Earth Shake! House Break!

By Aaron Shephard

<http://www.aaronsherp.com/stories/063.html>

Once on an island far, far to the east—or maybe to the west—there were three brothers. In those days, everyone on that island lived in caves. But the three brothers were not happy about it.

“Why must we live in a cave?” the oldest asked their mother.

“It is because of the Earthquake God,” she told them. “If we built a house, he would come to wreck it.”

“What if we built a house he couldn’t wreck?” said the middle brother.

“No one knows how,” said their mother.

“Then we should try and find out,” said the youngest.

The brothers all agreed they should build such a house, but they could not agree how. So each set off to the valley to build one of his own.

The oldest brother built his house from stone and mortar. He told himself, “It is as strong as a mountain.”

The middle brother built his house from wood and pegs. He said, “It is as strong as a tree.”

The youngest brother built his house from bamboo and cord. He said, “It is as strong as the grass.”

One day, the Earthquake God came down the mountain. On legs like pillars, he strode up to the oldest brother’s house of stone.

“So!” he said. “They try to build houses, do they?”

The Earthquake God stamped his feet. And as he stamped, he shouted,

“EARTH SHAKE!
HOUSE BREAK!”

The earth shook and the house shivered. The mortar cracked and the stones fell down. The Earthquake God laughed.

Somehow, the oldest brother got out safely and ran to his brother’s house of wood. But it was not long before the Earthquake God arrived.

“Another one! Well, this one won’t last any longer.” He stamped his feet and shouted,

“EARTH SHAKE!
HOUSE BREAK!”

The earth shook and the house shuddered. The pegs snapped and the walls leaned over. The Earthquake God laughed.

The two brothers got out quickly and ran to their brother’s house of bamboo. But soon the Earthquake God arrived there too.

“Still another! But this one looks weakest of all!” He stamped and shouted,

“EARTH SHAKE!
HOUSE BREAK!”

The earth shook and the house swayed. The cord strained and the bamboo wobbled—but then it sprang back straight!

The Earthquake God frowned. He stamped harder, then harder still. But nothing he did could wreck the bamboo house.

At last, in a fury, he stamped back up the mountain.

The brothers were happy to see him go. But the oldest asked the youngest, “Why did your house stand when ours did not?” And the middle brother said, “Yes, why?”

The youngest brother answered, “You tried to make your houses stronger than the Earthquake God. But I made mine weaker. Whatever bends does not break.”

And that is why, forever after, everyone on that island built their houses from bamboo.













Poor Earthquake God!

Chinese New Year... a traditional celebration



The Chinese New Year is celebrated each year according to the Chinese lunar calendar, usually falling in February, and lasting for 15 days.

Each new year is represented by a different animal. Use the chart below to find in which year you were born.

RAT	OX	TIGER	RABBIT	DRAGON	SNAKE
1960 1972 1984 1996	1961 1973 1985 1997	1962 1974 1986 1998	1963 1975 1987 1999	1964 1976 1988 2000	1965 1977 1989 2001
					
HORSE	RAM	MONKEY	ROOSTER	DOG	PIG
1966 1978 1990 2002	1967 1979 1991 2003	1968 1980 1992 2004	1969 1981 1993 2005	1970 1982 1994 2006	1971 1983 1995 2007
					

Chinese New Year is a colourful and fun-filled festival based on bringing good luck, health, happiness and wealth throughout the coming year.

Some traditions include:



