



**A New Theme Every Month**   
**A New Story Every Sunday by Noon**

Our American society follows a solar calendar of 365 days that is based on the earth going around the sun—it is called the Western calendar. Many other cultures follow a lunar calendar of 354 days that is based on the moon's cycle. Each month is 28 – 29 days and every three years an extra month is added to the calendar. The Chinese New Year is a lunar calendar and is followed by many Asian cultures. The Chinese New Year this year is on February 7; this is the year of the Rat. Other examples of a lunar calendar are the Hebrew (or Jewish) calendar and the Hmong calendar. The Jewish New Year, or Rosh Hashanah, is in September; the Hmong New Year is in November. Whatever the culture, the beginning of the New Year is a time to start fresh.

## New Year

1. *Dumpling Soup*\* by Jama Kim Rattigan
2. *Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas*\* by Gail Piernas-Davenport
3. *When the Chickens Went on Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Tale*\* by Erica Silverman
4. *This Next New Year*\* by Janet S. Wong
5. *Happy New Year: Hung-His Fa-Ts'ai!* by Demi
6. *The Dancing Dragon* by Marcia Vaughan
7. *Sam and the Lucky Money* by Karen Chinn
8. *My First Chinese New Year* by Karen Katz
9. *Dragon Dance (A Chinese New Year Lift-the-Flap book)* by Joan Holub
10. *New Clothes for New Year's Day* by Hyun-Joo Bae
11. *The Runaway Rice Cake* by Ying Chang Compestine
12. *Chinese New Year's Dragon* by Rachel Sing
13. *Chinese New Year* by David Marx (NF – younger readers)
14. *Chinese New Year* by Dianne M. MacMillan (NF – older readers)
15. *Chinese New Year* by Tricia Brown (NF)
16. *D is for Dragon Dance* by Ying Chang Compestine
17. *Buster Changes His Luck* by Marc Brown
18. *Just in Time for New Year's* by Karen Gray Ruelle
19. *Celebrate Tet* by Laura Jeffrey (NF)
20. *Ten Mice for Tet* by Pegi Deitz Shea and Cynthia Weill
21. *The Bravest Flute: A Story of Courage in the Mayan Tradition* by Ann Grifalconi
22. *Dara's Cambodian New Year* by Sothea Chiemruom
23. *Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Eric A. Kimmel
24. *Sound of the Shofar! A Story for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Leslie Kimmelman
25. *Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by dana Meachen Rau (NF)
26. *Happy New Year, Beni* by Jane Breskin Zalben
27. *Lionel in the Winter* by Stephen Krensky
28. *P. Bear's New Year's Party (A Counting Book)* by Paul Owen Lewis
29. *Little Bear's New Years Party* by Janice

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