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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

Directions: February 1, 2003, is the first day of the Chinese New Year and the beginning of the Year of the Sheep. Explore the Web site provided below to learn more about Chinese New Year traditions and celebrations. Then use a word or words from the word bank to complete each sentence below.

Web Resources:

Chinese New Year

http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html



Word Bank			
Lantern Festival	ancestors	new moon	wealth
happiness	old year	full moon	dogs
new year	dirt	Poo Woo dinner	dragon

1. The Chinese New Year celebration begins on the day of the _____ and ends on the day of the _____.
2. New Year is a time for Chinese families to honor their _____.
3. Oranges and tangerines are believed to be symbols of abundant _____.
4. At midnight on New Year's Eve, doors and windows are opened so the _____
_____ can go out.
5. The _____ is held on the last day of the New Year celebration.

Something to Think About: Explore the twelve animal signs of the Chinese zodiac at http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/Haskell_EL/calendar%20past%20events/chinesenew%20year%20gifs/chinese_newyear.htm. Find the year you were born and read about the characteristics of that sign. Do they describe you? Write a paragraph describing what you are really like. Then Go to Get a Chinese Name at <http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>.

Learn More: Read one of the Folktales from China at <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/china.html#goldcolt>. What do you think the moral or lesson of the story is? Draw a picture to illustrate what you learned from reading the story.