

Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Great Wall of China

Bring It To Life!

1. Ask a volunteer to draw a map of China on a large piece of poster board. Do you remember when Papa said that China covers 50 degrees of latitude? On a globe or map of the world, find China and identify its latitudes. Draw them on your China map. Then, mark the capital city of Beijing with a red star. Finally, draw the Great Wall on your map.
2. Draw a fireworks display with crayons or markers! Make it colorful and creative—remember, the Chinese love fireworks!
3. Enjoy a Chinese feast! Ask parents to volunteer to bring in Chinese food. You can ask for egg rolls, lo mein, fried rice, a stir-fry dish with meat and vegetables, dim sum—whatever you like! Make sure you get some green tea to drink, and fortune cookies for dessert.
4. Make your own “fortune cookies.” First, cut some strips of paper and write fortunes on them. Next, cut pieces of paper into squares that are four inches wide by four inches long. Fold the squares into triangles. Put the fortunes inside them. You can tape or glue the sides of your fortune cookie. Pass them around the room and see who gets each fortune!
5. Create some good luck charms of your own. Bring in colored bars of soap. Carve animals out of the soap to create your own special charms!
6. Build the Great Wall of China! Find a large piece of cardboard. Use modeling clay, popsicle sticks, blocks, dominoes, Legos®, or whatever else you can think of to build a model of the Great Wall. Don’t forget to add the watchtowers, and maybe a few tourists walking around!

