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Happy Lunar New Year



Activity & Coloring Book





About the Lunar New Year

- Celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunar calendar
- Dates back to nearly 4,000 years ago during the Shang dynasty
- Also known as the Spring Festival
- For Chinese people, the lunar New Year is the most important and most festive holiday of the year



About the Lunar New Year

- Festivities start on the first day of the first lunar month.
- Lunar New Year 2024: Feb 10, 2024
- Lunar New Year lasts 15 days.
Celebrations end with the Lantern Festival



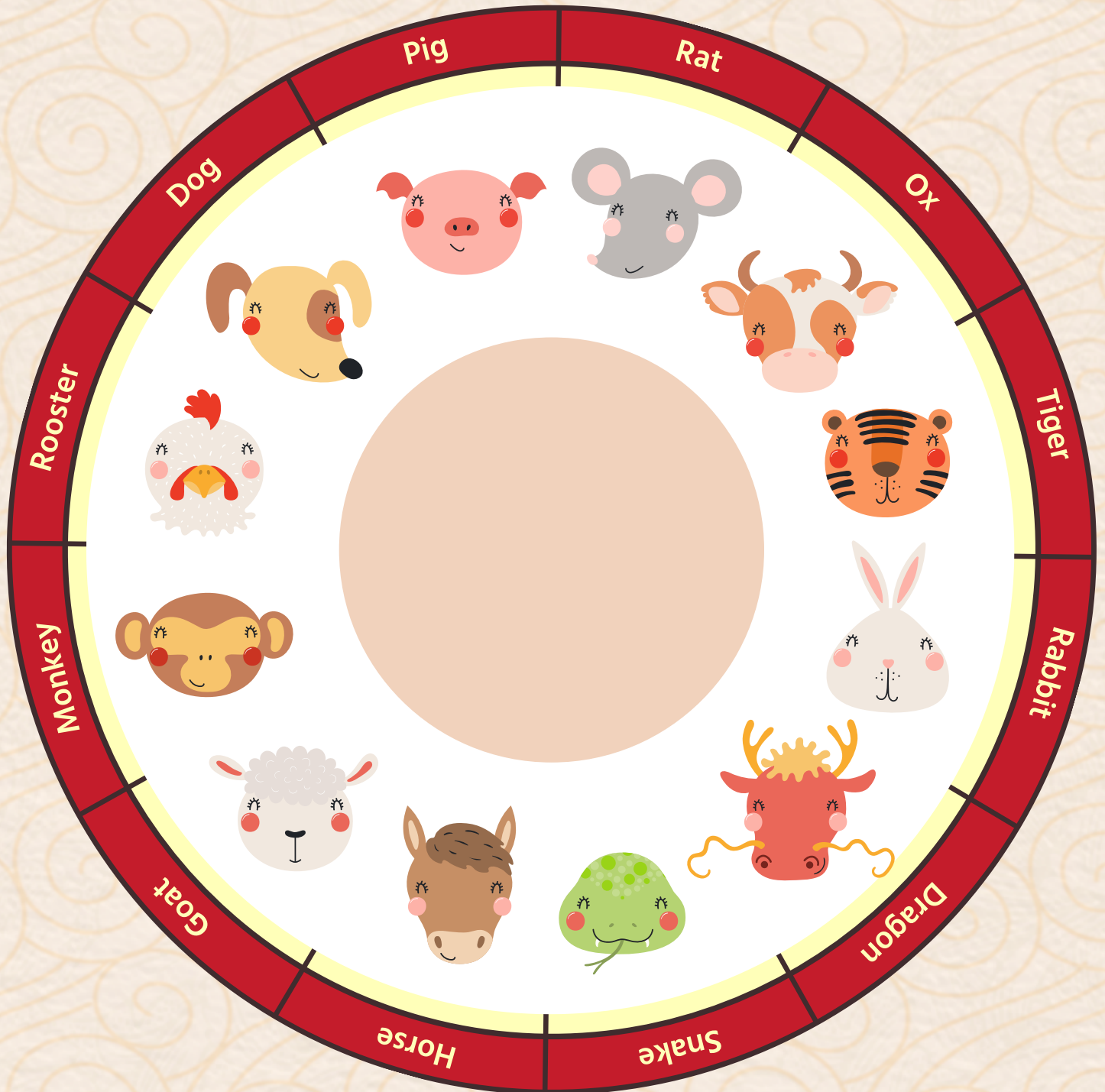
Lunar New Year Traditions

Regional customs and traditions vary widely but share the same theme: seeing out the old year and welcoming in the luck and prosperity of a new year. The main Lunar New Year activities include:

1. Cleaning and Decorating Houses with Red Things
2. Offering Sacrifices to Ancestors
3. Enjoying a Family Reunion Dinner on Lunar New Year's Eve
4. Exchanging Red Envelopes and other Gifts
5. Setting Off Firecrackers and Fireworks
6. Watching Lion and Dragon Dances

Chinese Zodiac

Each Chinese year is associated with an animal sign according to the Chinese zodiac cycle.



Chinese Zodiac

The next dragon year is 2024, starting from February 10th, 2024 (Lunar New Year) and ending on January 28th, 2025 (Lunar New Year's Eve). The Dragon symbolizes power, nobleness, honor, luck, and success in traditional Chinese culture.



2024

YEAR OF THE DRAGON



Long 龙 lóng Dragon

From Helen H. Wu

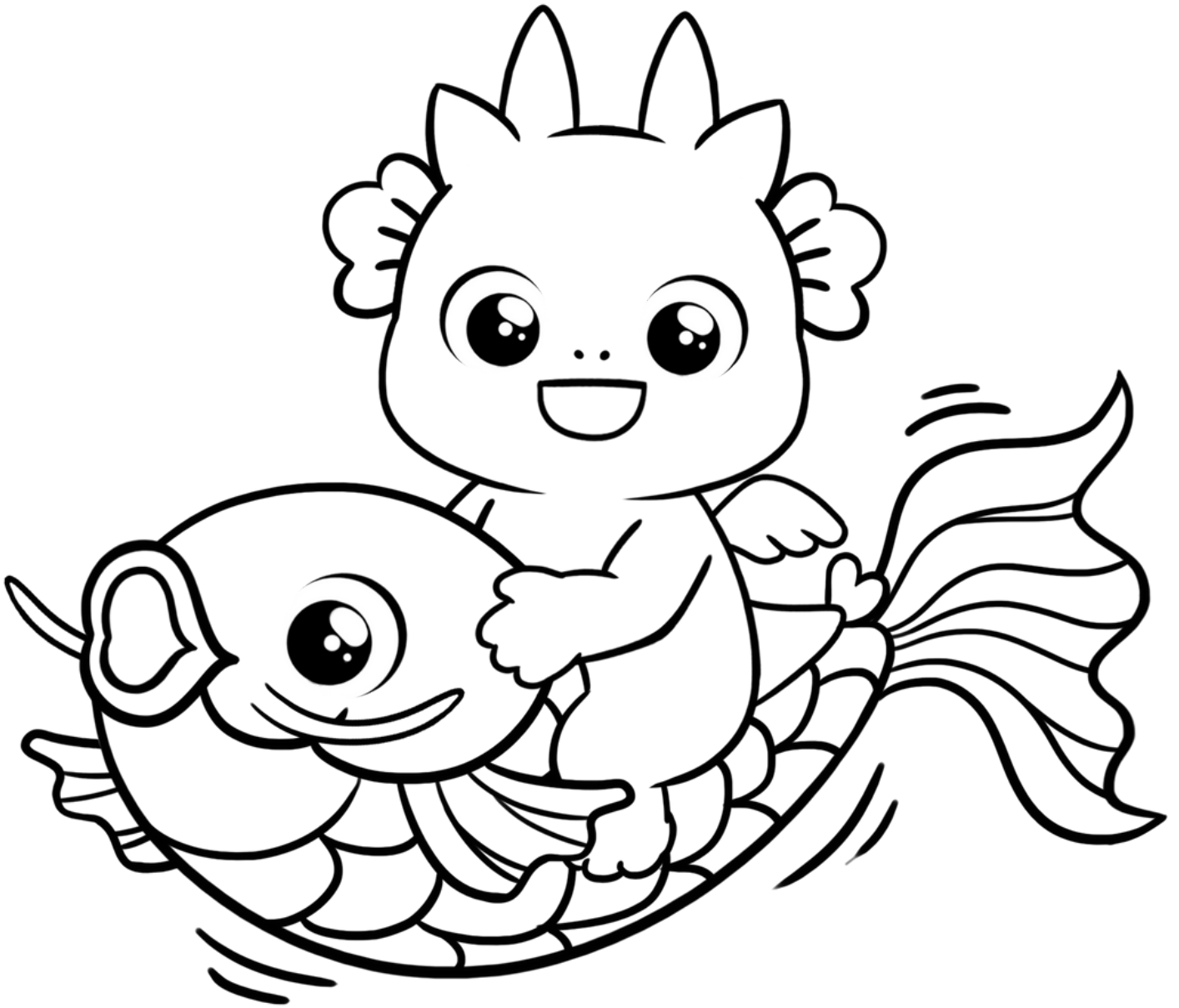
Author of LONG GOES TO DRAGON SCHOOL

Long Goes to Dragon School, was inspired by my own experience as a minority immigrant student. It follows a Chinese dragon who struggles to breathe fire in his new Western dragon school, only to discover he must carve his own path to finding a sense of belonging. In this story, **Long's name is based on the Chinese word for dragon, "龙(lóng)."** Like in Western culture, dragons are intricately intertwined with Chinese culture. However, Chinese dragons do not typically breathe fire. Instead, they are known as water spirits. I have always been fascinated by the differences and similarities between cultures. And living in America, I've realized that everyone is different and that learning from others helps you discover your own talents, while still allowing you to find your own path.

I hope you enjoy these dragon coloring pages!

















Coloring Guide



About the Book



ISBN: 9781953458506

Wrapped in Eastern and Western dragon lore, this fantasy tale celebrates perseverance, cultural inclusion, and self-discovery.

It's the first day of Dragon School, where all the young dragons must learn how to harness their fire breath. Today's lesson? Using it to cook food! All the dragons are excited to test their powers . . . except Long. Long is from the East and can only breathe out water. No matter how hard he huffs and puffs, he isn't sure he can match his fire breathing classmates. But will he be discovered? Or will Long find his own unique path to cooking—and to fitting in?

Themes:

- Growth Mindset • Perseverance • Back to School
- Diversity & Multicultural • Legends, Myths, Fables • Dragons • Cultural Inclusion
- Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance • Social Emotional Learning • Individuality • Being You

Creators:



Helen H. Wu is a children's book author and illustrator, as well as a translator and publisher. She is the author of *TOFU TAKES TIME*. Fascinated by the differences and similarities between cultures, Helen loves to share stories that can empower children to understand the world and our connections. Helen resides in San Diego, California, with her family and two kids. Find her at helenhwu.com



Mae Besom is an award-winning artist whose books include New York Times bestsellers *WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AN IDEA?* and *WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A CHANGE?*. Mae uses traditional media, pencil and watercolor to create texture and light within her enchanting illustrations. Mae lives in Chongqing, China.



Thank you for downloading this teaching guide for LONG GOES TO DRAGON SCHOOL!

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Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1953458505/>

If you have any feedback or questions, feel free to contact Helen at helen@yeehoo.com

Wishing you lots of love, joy and success!!!

Love,

Helen H. Wu & Yeehoo Team



Praises



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"A beautifully illustrated tale with an affecting message...Wu offers a picture book about dragons that tells a story of diversity and inclusion...Using a dragon as the main character strengthens the overall message that everyone is different and has unique gifts to share...From beginning to end, the images will likely enchant youngsters as they get to know Long's world."

-Kirkus Reviews

"Children, and especially those from minority cultures, will find encouragement in this endearing tale of a young dragon learning to love his unique gifts."

-Livia Blackburne, *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Dream of Popo*

"A witty and charming book that conveys a message of inclusion and diversity in the most delightful way possible."

-Eric Fan, *The Fan Brothers*, creators of *The Night Gardener* and *Ocean Meets Sky*

"Dragons from both the East and the West come together in a swirl of colors and discover their very own talents in a delightful way."

-Bookworm for Kids

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