

# **Friends are Friends, Forever**

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**Synopsis:** Just before Chinese New Year, Dandan discovers that her family is moving to America, far away from her best friend Yueyue; before they leave Yueyue gives her a stack of red paper and a spool of string so she can share the art of paper cutting with Americans--and when Chinese New Year comes around again Dandan remembers Yueyue's gift and introduces her new friend Christina to this ancient art.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Snowflake Season (December, January, February); Lunar New Year, February 10, 2024; National Make a Friend Day, February 11, 2024

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Make Paper Snowflakes:
  - How to make a Paper Snowflake with Plain Paper: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-paper-snowflake>
  - 12 Printable Templates: <https://superstarworksheets.com/templates/paper-snowflake-templates/>
- Discuss traditions – there are traditions specific to holidays and some that are specific to individual families. What traditions would you like to create (at home, at school, etc)?
- Lunar New Year Coloring Sheets, Crayola: <https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/holidays/lunar-new-year-coloring-pages/>
- Watch and Discuss Kid President's Guide to Making a New Friend: <https://youtu.be/OoHdwUEfBts>

### **Related Websites:**

- Author Website: <https://www.daneliu.com/>
- Illustrator Website: <http://www.lynnscurfield.com/>
- Interview with Dane Liu and Lynn Scurfield, from Politics and Prose: <https://youtu.be/0aybPFdHjWw>

### **Text to Text Connections:**

*Bad Bye, Good Bye* by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Jonathan Bean *Bringing in the New Year* by Grace Lin

*The Blue House* by Phoebe Wahl

*Chloe's Lunar New Year* by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Michelle Lee

*Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away* by Meg Medina, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

*New Year* by Rich Lo

*Playing with Lanterns* by Wang Yage, illustrated by Zhu Chengliang, translated by Helen Wang

*A Sweet New Year for Ren* by Michelle Sterling

*This Next New Year* by Janet S. Wong, illustrated by Yangsook Choi

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