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When does the year begin? _____ In ancient times, different countries had their own date for beginning the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, is in September or October. The Aztec New Year is always on March 12. The Lunar New Year is in January or February. It is sometimes called Chinese New Year, because Chinese immigrants were the first to introduce it to the USA. But many other Asian countries also celebrate the New Year on this day. Have you ever attended a Lunar New Year's celebration? _____

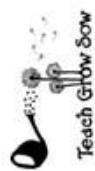
In ancient China, a calendar was developed that assigns a different animal every twelve years.

Rat	Ox	Tiger	Rabbit	Dragon	Snake
Horse	Goat	Monkey	Rooster	Dog	Pig

Which animal is your favorite? Circle it.

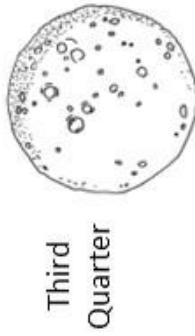
Celebrations often involve paper lanterns and firecrackers. People wear and decorate with the color red. The Lunar New Year is always on a new moon, which is when the moon does not reflect the sun's light onto the earth. It is the darkest night each month.

On the back color in the phases of the moon.

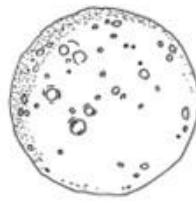


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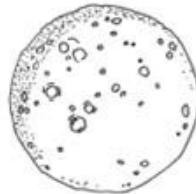
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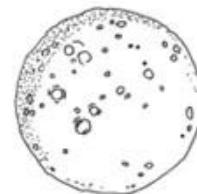
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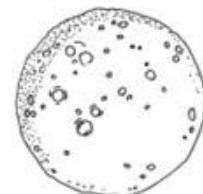
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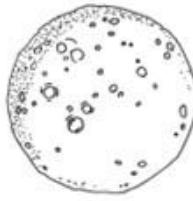
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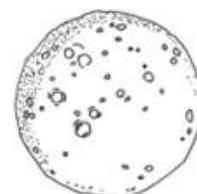
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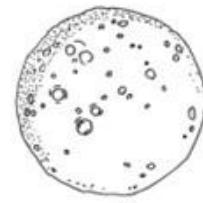
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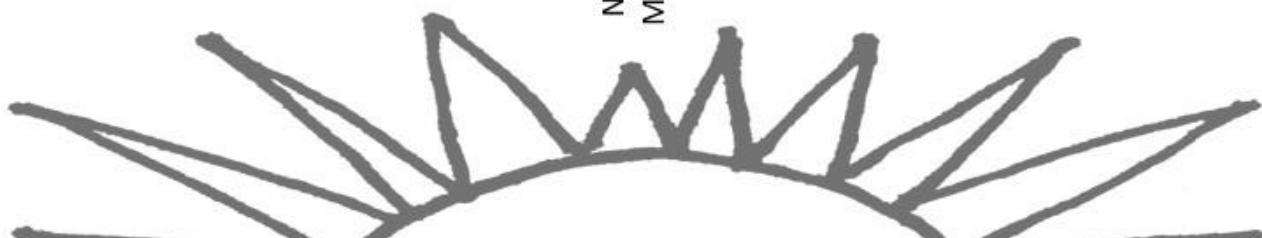
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New Moon



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