

# Munchkin Reads

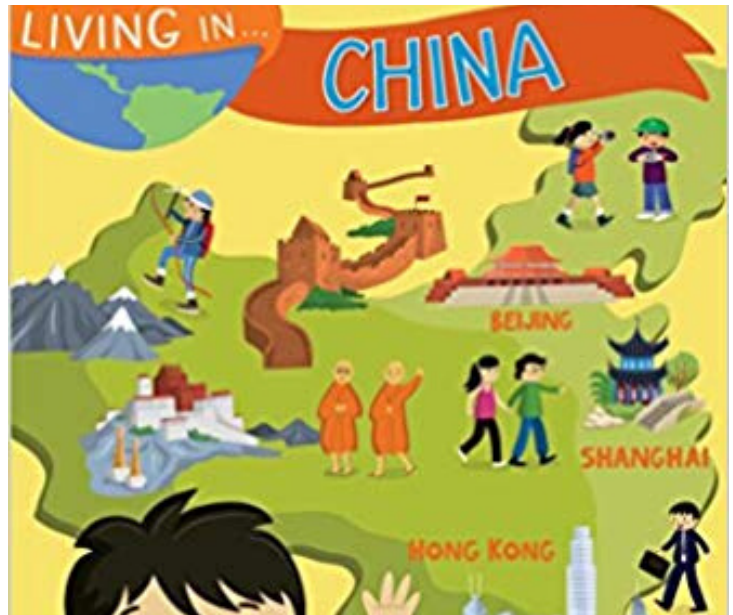
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## LIVING IN...CHINA BY CHLOE PERKINS



### CONVERSATION STARTERS

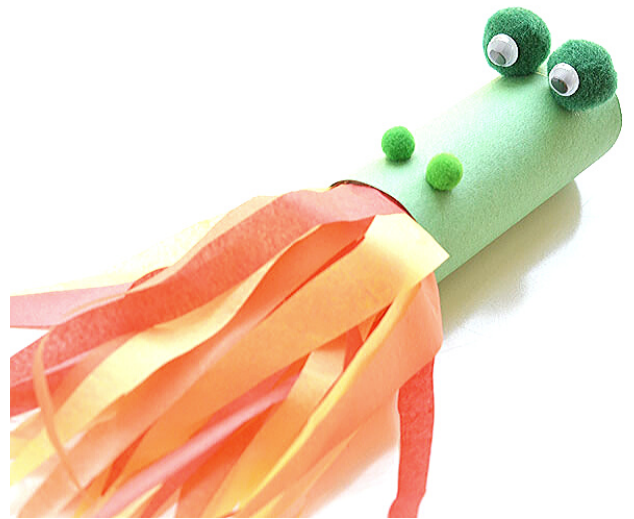
- For breakfast, Jin eats noodles and spring greens with chopsticks. What do you eat for breakfast?
- Describe three new facts you learned about ancient Chinese history.
- How is lunch different in China than in the US?
- Fun fact: In America, we list people as first name, last name (i.e. Sue Smith). In China it's the opposite (Smith Sue).



### PLOT SUMMARY

Ni hao friends! That's hi in Mandarin. Jin and his family live in China and want you to learn about their life. One billion people live in China. Most families live in eastern China, in cities along the coast. Jin lives in an apartment in Hangzhou (HONG-joh) with his parents and aunt.

In the morning, it's time Jin and his father hop on the public bus to go to school. At school, he learns about the Gobi Desert and great Chinese inventions like silk and fireworks. After school, they stop for baozi, a special steamed snack. Grab your passport and come along to learn how we are different and the same across the globe.



## MAKE A FIRE BREATHING DRAGON

### Materials

- Paper roll (toilet paper, paper towel roll or wrapping paper roll)
- Green or red construction paper
- 2 medium pom poms
- 2 small pom poms
- 2 googly eyes
- Red, yellow & orange tissue paper
- Glue stick
- Glue gun

### Directions

- Cover paper roll with construction paper
- Use glue gun to attach eyes to big pom poms
- Attach pom poms to the paper tube (big as eyes, small as nose)
- Cut tissue paper into 9" or 10" long, pointy strips
- Use a glue stick to attach tissue paper to inside of the tube
- Take a deep breath, put your mouth on the end and blow

## IF YOU LIKE LIVING IN...CHINA

- My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder by Nie Jun
- Ruby's Chinese New Year by Vickie Lee
- Holidays Around the World: Celebrating Chinese New Year



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