

Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas

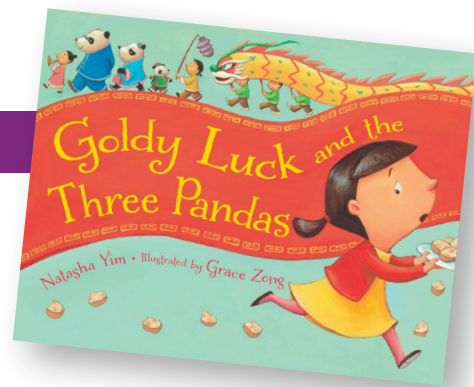
A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Animals, Chinese Culture, Fairytales, Friendship

Book Brief: During Chinese New Year, Goldy Luck delivers turnip cakes to her neighbors, the Chans, only to find them not home. Curiosity gets the better of her, leading to mishaps as she samples their rice porridge, chairs, and beds.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story.

During: As you read, ask, “What do you think will happen next?”

After, ask questions:

- How does Goldy Luck feel at the beginning of the story?
- How did Goldy Luck help the family?
- Does this story remind you of another story? What story?

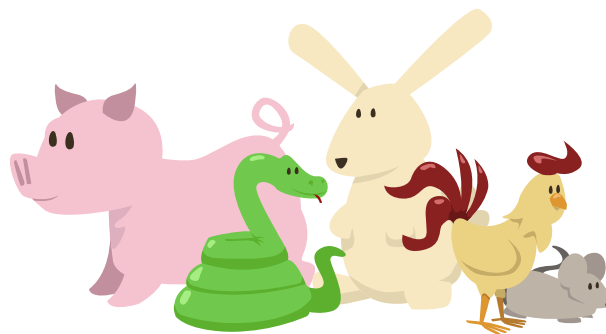
INTENTIONAL TALK

Language Awareness means “talking like a book.” When children hear stories read aloud many times they often remember patterned language, both the words that are said and the tone and rhythm with which they are read. Children will often repeat favorite phrases or pages from memory. This is much more than memorization, it is a way for children to internalize the way stories

should sound when they are read. *Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas* contains a repeated phrase that is important to the story. When Goldy finds something that works for her she says that it is “just right.” Encourage your child to say this phrase along with you, or even say it themselves as you read over and over again.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

In the back of the book there is a Chinese Zodiac wheel. With your child, look up your Chinese Zodiac animal based on the year you were born. Read about the traits and characteristics of your animal. Do these traits and characteristics match who you are? Draw or color pictures of your Zodiac animal or make your own family Zodiac chart to hang up at home.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY NATASHA YIM

- [Luna and the Case of the Missing Mooncakes \(2025\)](#)
- [Lunar New Year \(2023\)](#)
- [Luna's Yum Dim Sum \(2019\)](#)