

# The Dancing Dragon

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### EXPANDABLE CLASS BOOK

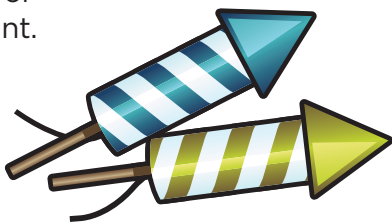
Materials: white or construction paper, tape, markers or pens

Give each student a sheet of paper. Pick a class theme (My Favorite Holiday, My Family, About Me, etc.) and let every student draw a picture or write a story to go with that theme. Tape the sheets together and fold them into a book like *The Dancing Dragon*.



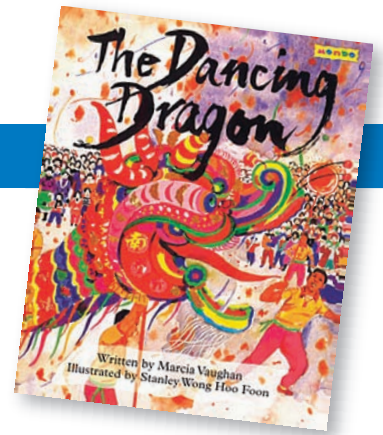
### FIREWORKS FACTS

How do fireworks work? Have students research to find out when and where fireworks were invented and the basics of how they work. Let students share their findings through a poster, brochure or PowerPoint.



### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

As a class, make a calendar that includes all the holidays and festivals students are celebrating that month. Let students be the ones who suggest special dates to add. Ask students to share a little bit about the traditions and celebrations of the holidays they contribute to the calendar. (Students can also share more personal celebrations, like a family birthday or anniversary.)



### GLOBAL CELEBRATIONS

Different cultures have different ways of celebrating a new year. Put students into pairs or small groups. Let each group choose a country. Have them research to find out how and when people in that country celebrate the new year. Does everyone in the country celebrate the same way? Groups should creatively share their findings with the class.



### A (FIRE)WORK OF ART

Materials: black paper, paint, stick or paint brush, straw, glitter (optional)

Give each student a piece of black paper. Drip small drops of brightly colored paint on each paper. Blow paint drops with a straw to make fireworks shapes. Before the paint is dry, have students sprinkle glitter on the paint.

