

Grade

6-8

# Lantern Festival Celebration

CHINESE



**Driving Question:** How do Chinese people celebrate the Lantern Festival?

## Project Description:

Students celebrated the Lantern Festival. Students discussed the various legends and the dates of the lunar calendar and the traditional food that is served at this festival. Students also viewed different lanterns displayed outdoors in the evening. Students prepared the traditional Chinese food in class from start to finish. Students celebrated this activity several days before the actual day. Students participated in different activities for each level of Chinese language learner.



## Student Products

- ▶ Make traditional Chinese food and create recipes
- ▶ Learn traditions and cultural backgrounds for the Lantern Festival
- ▶ Share learning with other classes.

## Teacher Reflections

"The students enjoyed the hands-on activity. I think we could have had more enduring questions prepared before we did the activity to help the students better understand Chinese culture and traditions."

"Preparing the food was quite time-consuming, so next year we might do more traditional foods with less preparation. Next year maybe do some background before the activity. Background knowledge about the culture and history to help the students have a foundation."

"Too many people were in one activity and that made it difficult. So, perhaps next year we can have several classrooms to host these activities. Most of the things we would change are around logistics of the activity."

"Maybe be assigned to small groups to do the activities would be better. "

"Involving parents would help the preparation time of some of the foods."  
- Chinese Teachers