



Curriculum Guide
Grades K-3

Teachers,

The following is a suggested curriculum guide to enhance the comprehension and creative thinking of your students, and also to share a bit of Lunar New Year traditions. Although PING'S PERFECT POT, was written for grades 1-3, the story has many elements intermediate level students will also benefit from. We hope your class enjoys Ping's story.

-Helen & Beaming Team

Lunar New Year Presentation

About the Book



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When Ping and Grandpa bring a tangerine tree home for Lunar New Year, Ping decides to make the perfect pot to go with it. But making a pot is hard. With Grandpa's encouragement, she tries again and again to get it just right. The first is too clumsy, the second crumbles, and the third is too flimsy. What if she can't make the perfect pot? Will it ruin the new year?

For anyone feeling discouraged over learning something new, Ping's Perfect Pot reminds them not to give up when something isn't immediately easy. Perfection takes practice, patience, and, in the end, the love and effort you put into it. Backmatter provides more context and the deeper meaning of Lunar New Year traditions and symbols found within the story, as well as around the world.

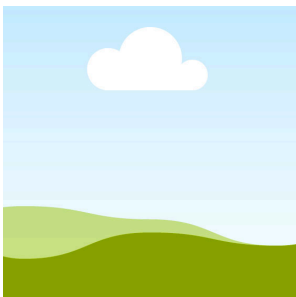
Themes:

- Growth Mindset • Perseverance • School & Education
- Diversity & Multicultural • Lunar New Year • Holidays • Asian American
- Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance • Social Emotional Learning • Individuality • Family Tradition

Creators:



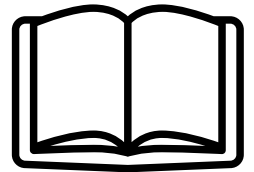
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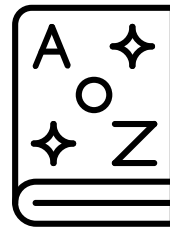
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Before Reading



1. First impressions: Take a close look at the detail on both the front and back covers of the book, and flip over the jacket cover. Describe what you see, and what these pictures make you think about.
2. Make prediction, is this book fiction or nonfiction?
3. From the title alone, what do you think this book is going to be about?

Name _____



Vocabulary Key

Prosperity

Having good luck and success.

Papier-mâché

Paper and glue used to make shapes and crafts.

Perseverance

Trying your best, even when things are hard.

Bonsai

A tiny tree that grows in a pot.

Succulent

A plant with thick leaves that hold water.

Reunion

When people, like family, come together after being apart.

Tradition

Special things people do year after year.

Harmony

When everything is peaceful and works well together.

Name _____



Comprehension

1. What is the significance of the tangerine tree in the story?

2. What materials does Ping try to use to make the perfect pot? Why do they fail?

3. What lesson does Grandpa teach Ping throughout the story?

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Comprehension

4. How does Ping finally succeed in making the perfect pot?

5. Why does Ping feel proud at the end of the story, even though her pots aren't perfect?

6. What does the Lunar New Year symbolize in the story, and how does it relate to Ping's pot-making?

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Feelings Inferences

We all have feelings, sometimes we are sad, sometimes happy, and even worried. Go back through the story and find an example of when Ping was sad, happy and worried. Describe what was happening to make her feel that way.



Sad



Happy



Worried

Name _____

Let's Talk About Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is believing in the power of yourself and your brain! Our intellect and abilities develop when we try difficult things, use the right strategies, and don't give up.

Learners with a growth mindset:

Embrace new challenges.

Practice self-care.

Encourage others.

Always learn new skills.

Persevere in the face of failures.

Find inspiration from others.

Name _____

Let's Talk About Goal Setting

A goal is something that you want, and you work hard to achieve it. Setting goals can help you accomplish big or small tasks in your life.

What is Ping's goal?

What is the obstacle of achieving that goal?

What did Ping do to achieve her goal?

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4 Steps to Goal Setting

1. Write Your Goals Down.

2. Define the Steps to Accomplish Your Goals.

3. Plan Your Day, Week, and Month.

4. Review and Reflect.

Name _____

Discussion Prompts

1. Have you ever tried to make something that didn't turn out the way you expected? How did you feel, and what did you do next?
2. How does Ping's attitude toward perfection change throughout the story? Do you think striving for perfection is important, or is there beauty in imperfection?
3. The Lunar New Year traditions are an important part of Ping's journey. What traditions does your family have, and how do they bring you together?

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Word Search

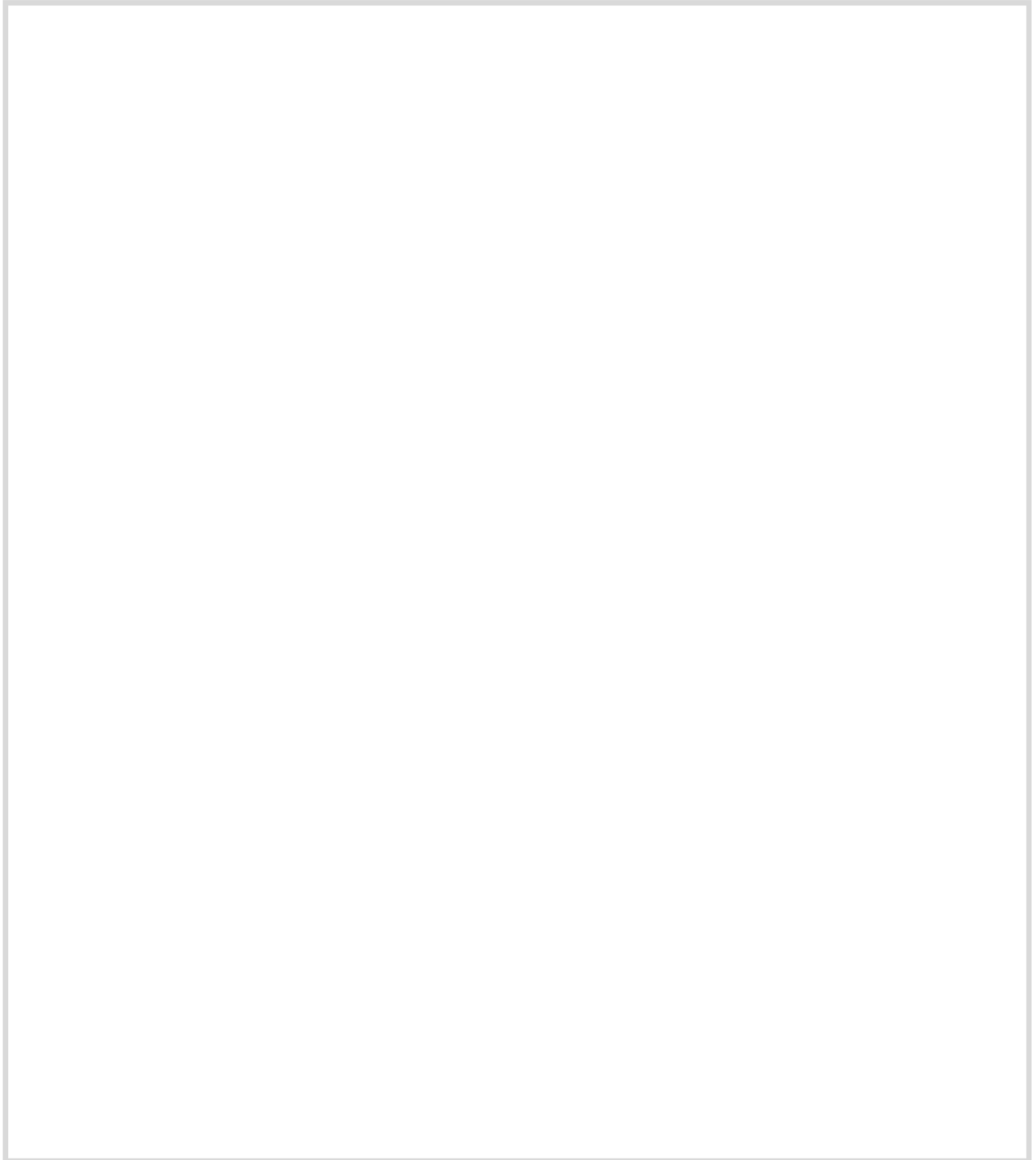
- Ping • Pot • Clay • Grandpa • Prosperity • Family
- Tradition • Harmony • Creativity • Reunion

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Draw a Poster

Pretend this is a movie and create a poster to advertise
PING'S PERFECT POT.



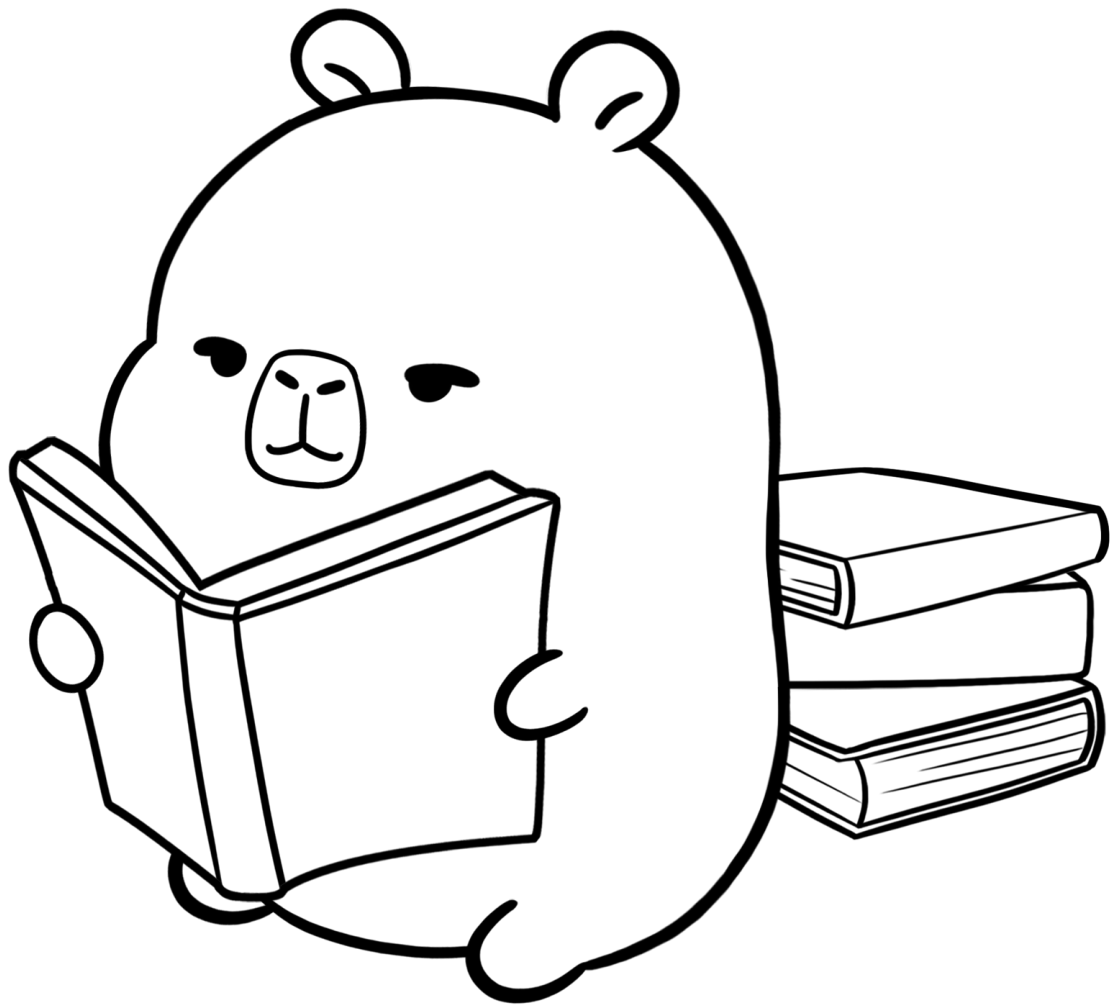


May this new year bring you
good health and good fortune.



“Don’t be afraid of failure.
This is the way to succeed.”

—LeBron James



"Books are a uniquely portable magic."
- Stephen King

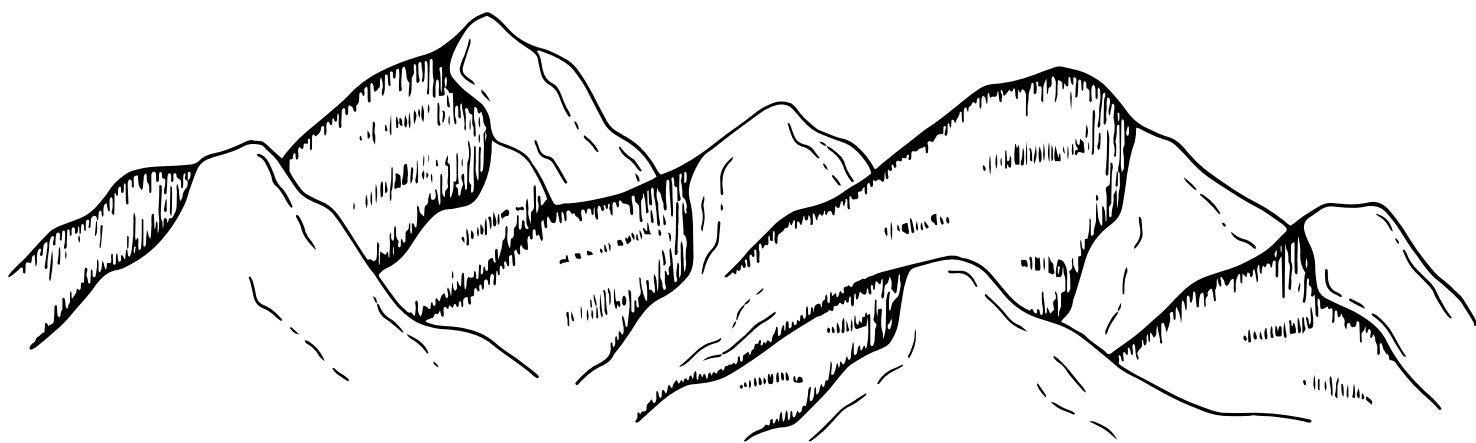


Happiness is...
Hot Chocolate!

I Can Do
HARD
THINGS



**EMBRACE
EVERY
CHALLENGE**





I AM

CAPABLE OF

LEARNING

ANYTHING

Review Report

Book Review by: _____

Title: _____

Your Star Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Character(s): (Most important person in story.)

Plot: (The events that take place.)

Opinion: (What do you think?)

Recommendation: (Yes, No and Why?)



Thank you for downloading this teaching guide for PING'S PERFECT POT!

If you enjoy the book, I'd appreciate it very much if you could please leave a short review to help the book reach more readers!

Goodreads: <https://goodreads.com/book/show/213219908-ping-s-perfect-pot>

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1953458505/>

If you have any feedback or questions, feel free to contact Helen at helenhwubooks@gmail.com

Wishing you lots of love, joy and success!!!



Love,

Helen H. Wu & Beaming Team

Praises



PING'S PERFECT POT takes young readers on a can-do journey of creativity and culture. Author Helen Wu weaves threads of love, family, and appreciation for Lunar New Year traditions through every page of the story... Rich back matter provides additional information about the origin of Chinese New Year customs, and the author's note invites children to make something with their own hands.

– Vivian Kirkfield, award-winning children's author and host of #50PreciousWords and #50PreciousWordsforKids

The perfect story about imperfection and the rewards of persistence.

–Karen Yin, author of *So Not Ghoul*

"A charming story about the ups and downs of the creative process, with vibrant illustrations that will spark the inner artist in every reader."

–Helena Ku Rhee, author of *Sora's Seashells*

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