

INTERNATIONAL IDEAS FOR JANUARY

January is Chinese New Year!

- ***Make paper bag lanterns by decorating paper lunch bags and stuffing them with newspaper. Close the top with elastic and attach to a stick. Play Chinese music and let the girls make up a “Chinese Lantern Dance”.***
- ***Practice using chopsticks by eating dry cereal (Cheerios work well)***
- ***Wear pajamas to your meeting, and watch the video “Mulan”. Serve green tea and fortune cookies.***
- ***Go out for Chinese food and have your meeting there at the restaurant.***

Other International Ideas:

- ***Play “Fair Food”***

*You will need: one card for each girl with the name of a country written on it
A large bag of raisins, or candies*

1. *Put all the cards in a bag. Ask each girl to pick one.*
 2. *Give each girl a raisin (or candy) according to which country she selected:
20 raisins for countries like Canada, USA, Western European countries, etc
5 raisins for countries like Peru, China, etc
1 raisin for countries like Sudan, etc*
 3. *Discuss as a unit:
Is this fair?
Should everyone have the same?
Are there enough raisins for everyone to have 20?
Does the distribution of raisins reflect reality?
What are the girls’ views on the distribution of wealth?*
- ***Have girls scan a newspaper and circle non peaceful world happenings in red and peaceful happenings in blue. Discuss a non peaceful happening in your community.***
 - ***Discuss the following:
Would the girls be prepared to eat the following so as not to offend their host?***
 - *raw fish in Japan?*
 - *frogs’ legs in France?*
 - *dog in Korea?*
 - *caribou in Nunavut?*
 - *sheep’s eyeballs in Egypt*