Chinese New Year Matching Game

At our Chinese club, we regularly play matching games as this is an easy way to get the children recognise the words and to keep their attention. In the next lesson, we are teaching the children the auspicious greeting words to use during the Chinese New Year. This game is suitable for aged 7 and above.

This is the Chinese New Year auspicious chart with Han Yu Pin Yin and the explanation of the auspicious words. There are 9 phrases to learn.

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| 新年快乐(Xīn nián kuài lè) | Happy new year |
| 新年进步(Xīn nián jìn bù) | New year's prosperity |
| 恭喜发财(Gōng xǐ fā cái) | Happiness and prosperity |
| 财源广进(Cái yuán guǎng jìn) | May you have abundant source of income and receive wealth and fortune. |
| 年年有余(Nián nián yǒu yú) | Wish for surpluses and bountiful harvests every year. |
| 吉星高照(Jí xīng gāo zhào) | Wish you be blessed by God of Fortune, God of Prosperity and God of Longevity. |
| 吉祥如意(Jí xiáng rú yì) | Wish you good luck on everything that you do. |
| 万事如意(Wàn shì rú yì) | May everything goes the way you wish for. |
| 心想事成 (Xīn xiǎng shì chéng)  | May you accomplish whatever you set to do. |

Before playing the game, teach the children to recognise the phrases and the meaning behind it. Next, give each child one of the templates listed below. The teacher will randomly pick one of the phrases. The children need to match the words on their template. The first child who has 4 matched phrases win the game.

If you prefer to make it more difficult, then increase the matched phrases to 5 or 6 words.

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