Chinese New Year Crossword
Crossword puzzle tells more about Chinese New Year

ESL student Jolin Chang of Valley High Adult Education in Dublin, California sent in this crossword puzzle about the Chinese New Year.

Across
4. The city on West Coast that holds an annual Chinese New Year parade.
9. Another name for a hare.
10. This festival marks the end of the New Year celebration.
15. How many days do the Chinese New Year celebrations last?
16. Presents of money given in red envelopes (in Mandarin).
23. The season that Chinese New Year falls in is _____________
26. What number means “long-lasting” in Chinese?
27. People’s loyal pets.
28. The most important holiday for Chinese families.
31. Much of Chinese philosophy is built around them.
34. Chinese New Year is also called _____________

Down
1. Another name for a pig.
2. What seafood represents “profit,” must be included but not eaten up completely at the Chinese reunion dinner?
3. This food represents longevity and should never be cut.
5. Most Chinese believe that people’s ___________ are determined to some extent by the year of their birth.
6. The last Chinese zodiac animal.
7. This word is perceived as earth, female, and passive.
8. The animal in the first year of the animal cycle.
11. The night or day before a holiday.
12. How many dishes do Chinese usually make for their reunion dinner?
13. These two kinds of animals are traditionally used in the New Year’s parade.
14. This color symbolizes fire and can drive away bad luck.
15. People believed these crackling flames would frighten evil spirits.
17. The strong animal often works in the field and also the zodiac animal of the year 2009.
19. You’ll be lucky all year if you find this in your dumplings.
20. The traditional event held on New Year’s Eve.
22. A large and powerful wild cat.
24. What should people do three times when they receive the red envelopes?
25. This fruit represents luck and prosperity.
29. This word perceived as male, heaven, and active.
30. The monkey’s symbolization (or another word for smart).
32. What children receive in red envelopes?
33. How many animals are represented on the Chinese calendar?

Answer
15. Fireworks/ Fifteen  16. Hong Bao  17. Ox  
31. Five Elements  32. Money  33. Twelve  34. Lunar New Year