



21 DAYS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

February 14
1st day of the first month



This is everyone's birthday.

Steamed dumplings are eaten in every household. Firecrackers are set off in front of the main hall to scare away evil spirits.

High officials are given Eight Treasure purses. Everyone is careful to avoid unlucky words.

Children are not allowed to wash. Use of scissors or knives is forbidden. No sweeping today to avoid sweeping out all the good luck.

Special New Year's cake, *nian-gao*, is eaten. This is the day of chickens; if the weather is clear and bright, there will be many chickens hatched this year.

