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Today is my birthday! I am six years old. My mother says it is going to be an extra special day. I wonder why?



Mmmm . . . something smells delicious in the kitchen.

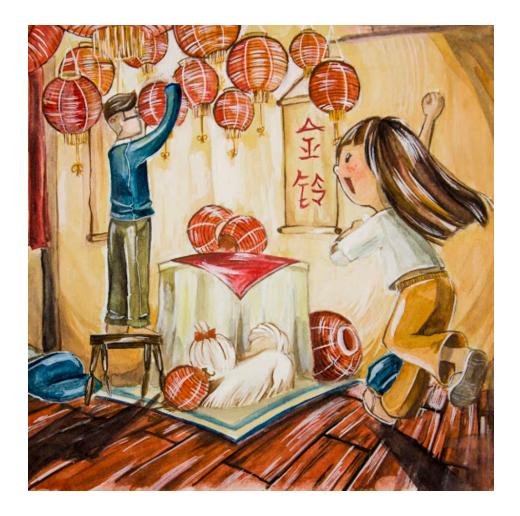
Is Mom cooking something special?



Mom is making lots of noodles, but that is not unusual.

There must be something more special

happening. What could it be?



Dad is hanging up beautiful lanterns, but he does that on Chinese New Year too. There must be something more special happening. What could it be?



Mom is putting something in the refrigerator. Could it be something extra special?



Wow! A big birthday cake!



A cake is special. But I have a cake for all of my birthdays.

There must be something more special happening. What could it be?



Mom asks me to put on my best dress, and she gives me a special hairstyle. This is something I always do for my birthday. There must be something more special happening. What could it be?



Ding dong! Is someone at the door?





All my friends are here! I am having a party!



Now this is an extra special birthday!



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