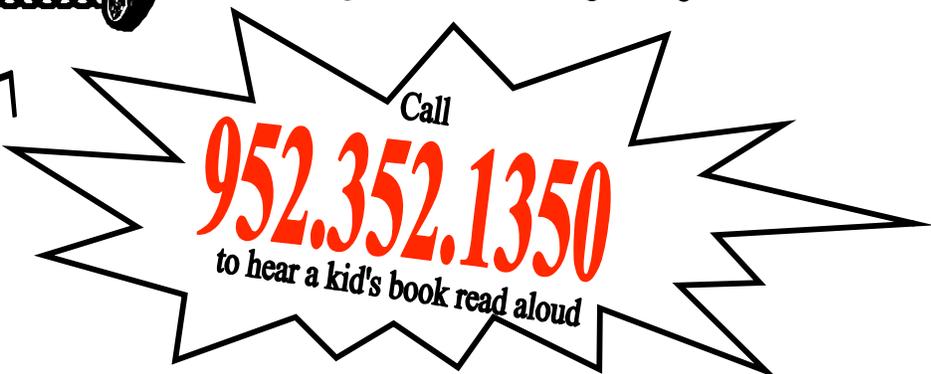




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January: New Year

January 6 – 13, 2008

***Dumpling Soup* by Jana Kim Rattigan**

It is New Year's Eve on the Hawaiian island of Oahu where 7 year old Marisa lives. All of her aunts, uncles and cousins are coming over to Grandma's house to celebrate with food and togetherness.

January 13 – 20

***Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport**

When Shanté's family goes to Grandma's to share the New Year's feast Grandma realizes she forgot the black-eyed peas! So Shanté is sent out into the neighborhood to find some—but she also finds out about her neighbors' New Year traditions and foods.

January 20 – 27

***When the Chickens Went on Strike* by Erica Silverman**

It is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, in Russia long ago. At the start of the New Year people twirl a live chicken over their heads to erase their bad deeds. What will happen when the chickens go on strike?

January 27 – February 3

***This Next New Year* by Janet Wong**

It is Chinese New Year and this boy is getting ready—cleaning the house, cleaning himself, making special food... Then comes the parade and firecrackers that scare away the bad luck. It is time for hope, a new start and a second chance. (This New Year starts Feb. 7)

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