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Good morning I.S 201! It's Joanna from class 851 and I will be with you for our S.E.A.L Summaries every Friday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team.

As a lot of you may know, tomorrow, February 10th, is Chinese New Year! As dumplings symbolize wealth, red lanterns to good luck, and so on, this is a very special holiday that holds a lot of symbolism. Around this festive time is also when the Lantern Festival is celebrated.

During the lantern festival, specially designed lanterns are hung up and let into the air. Not only do these lanterns represent good fortune, it can also symbolize people letting go of their past selves in the past year and embracing the opportunities that the new year brings. This symbolism will lead us to an important quote, "One year goes by taking with it a set of hopes and aspirations. Another year comes in with bundles of new opportunities to relive your dreams and realize your goals."

To add on to the quote and to explain even further; even if each of us may have missed many opportunities, as long as we are willing to look for any that's coming our way and grasp at them, there will always be so much more to come.

Thank you for listening and have a Festivities Filled with Hope Friday ☺

The affirmation of the day is: "I extend a smile to brighten someone's day."

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

