



# Activity Idea



## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH VIRTUAL FILM FEST: *The Farewell* (PG) Viewer's Guide

*A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decide to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding to gather before she dies.*

Stream the film here: <https://lacounty.kanopy.com/video/farewell-1>

### MOVIE RESOURCES:

- Video: How Lulu Wang's *The Farewell* Shows a New Type of Asian Representation <https://bit.ly/3cQsE0k>
- NPR interview with filmmaker Lulu Wang <https://n.pr/2KB2xy>
- *Vanity Fair* profile on actress Awkwafina <https://bit.ly/2W8c70W>
- Chinese criticism of *The Farewell* <https://bit.ly/3cSq3D1>

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If you were in Nai Nai's position, would you want to know that you were terminally ill?
- Is there such a thing as a "good lie"?
- After Billi voices her concerns about lying to Nai Nai, her uncle notes that: "You think one's life belongs to one's self." In America we celebrate individualism while other cultures stress collectivism. What is more important to you? Why?
- Billi wrestles with her complicity in the lie and whether she should reveal the truth. What did you think of her final decision?
- Awkwafina made history by winning this year's Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy at the Golden Globes. She was the first Asian American actress to receive this honor. Is representation in film and tv important to you? Why or why not?



## SNACK RECOMMENDATION:

### *Chinese Five-Spice Snack Mix with Orange Jasmine Tea*

Serves: 6

#### Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cups peanuts
- 4 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- 3 tablespoons pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 pinch Chinese five spice powder
- 5 jasmine tea bags
- 1 Orange (medium, halved, thinly sliced)
- 50 mini pretzels

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven 275°F. Line a baking tray with parchment paper.
2. Combine peanuts, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, soy sauce and five-spice powder. Spread evenly on prepared tray. Bake, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes, or until roasted. Let cool on tray for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, place tea bags in a teapot. Cover with boiling water and set aside to steep for 2-3 minutes. Place orange slices in teacups and pour hot tea over top.
4. Mix nut mixture with mini pretzels. Serve with tea.