Temple Book Activity
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Materials needed:
- Two cardboard or mat board covers
  (example, each board = 4 1/2 inches by 6 1/2 inches)
- Oblong strip of paper for pages (4 inches by 32 inches)
- Glue sticks
- White vinyl eraser for carving stamps
- Linoleum carvings tools
- Commercial rubber stamps
- Ink stamp pads, metallic gold and red colors
- Small bamboo brushes and sumi ink

Cut two panels of cardboard or scrap mat board for the covers of the book. They should be slightly larger than the dimensions of the accordion folded paper pages.

Use commercial rubber stamps or carve your own motifs from white vinyl erasers. Use gold ink and stamp designs on the cover for all over decorative effect.

Fold a long strip of paper into equal sections to make the accordion folded section of the book's pages. Make certain you have an equal number of folds so that the first and last fold can be used as end papers to glue the pages of the book to the covers.

Center the pages on the cover board before gluing them to the cover.

Carve stamp with reversed image
Prints correctly when stamped

Use bamboo brushes and sumi ink to write messages of good will or examples of Haiku poetry on each page. Students could also use the pages to create small paintings or drawings in addition to the writing. To complete the project, stamp Mon crests designs or the artist's initials with red ink onto the printed pages, either on top of the writing or on the borders of the pages to enhance the overall effect.