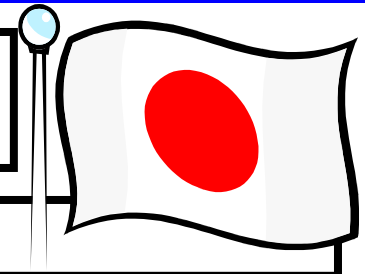


Nippon News

Japanese Language
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November 2009 Theme: Around the Classroom

What We Are Learning This Month

New Learning for All Students

book	<i>hon</i>	Phrases	
scissors	<i>hasami</i>	How are you? I am good.	<i>Ogenki desu ka?</i> <i>Hai! Genki desu.</i>
pencil	<i>enpitsu</i>	Excuse me	<i>Sumimasen</i>
paper	<i>kami</i>	I'm sorry.	<i>Gomen nasai.</i>
crayon	<i>kureyon</i>	Let's go!	<i>Ikimashou!</i>
glue	<i>guruu</i>		

Pronunciation Key:

Letter	Pronounced
a	as "a" in a-ha!
e	as "e" in bed
i	as "ee" in feet
o	as "o" in no
u	as "oo" in zoo
ei	as "ay" in say
ai	as "y" in sky
ou	as "ow" in grow
oo	as "ow" in grow

second Year Extension: *The K-3 Graders will learn to write "u" & "e"*

lunchbox	<i>bentoubako</i>	sink	<i>senmendai</i>
backpack	<i>randoseru</i>	toilet	<i>toire</i>
coat	<i>coutou</i>	bathroom	<i>otearai</i>

Sensei Kara.... (From the Teacher)

I have to say.... kudos to your children! They are doing great in Japanese class! I am so impressed by the amount of knowledge they are retaining, and their excitement and energy in class. I look forward everyday greeting them before and after school—many of them greet me in Japanese which is so rewarding!

We have finished our unit on body parts and will be moving on; learning about our school environment. This month and next, we will focus on items/phrases we will use at school throughout the year. We will also revisit colors and shapes next month, as we want to make sure that we retain vocabulary we have already learned while broadening our language base. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about class, thank you!
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Culture Corner

Teamwork Counts!! School Life in Japan

In Japanese elementary schools, classes are divided into small teams for many activities. For example, as part of their education, every day the students clean the classrooms, halls, and yards of their school in these teams. In elementary schools, the students eat lunch together in their classrooms, enjoying meals prepared by the school or by a local "school lunch center." Everyone (including the teachers) eats the same thing for lunch. Small teams of students take turns to serve lunch to their classmates. School lunches contain a rich variety of healthy and nutritious foods, and students look forward to lunchtime. (Source: Kids Web Japan)

