

Japanese Academy of the Rockies SY2018-2019 Syllabus

Class Name: Hayate

Class Time: 9:00~11:00am

Lead Teacher: Hiroko Ichijo

Assistant teacher: Megan Husby, Yukine Colclasure

Course Objectives

Hayate-gumi aims at maintaining and expanding the student's Japanese language skills as well as knowledge of the culture and traditions. We also strive to increase the student's interest in Japan.

Class Structure

Class will be conducted mostly in Japanese with supplemental English instructions where needed. Students will be divided into 3 groups (Tentoumushi, Tonbo and Kamakiri) for hiragana lessons and 2 groups (Jitensha and Funé) for vocabulary lessons. Student placement in these groups may be changed throughout the year as the teacher sees fit.

Goals For Hiragana Groups

- Tentoumushi てんとてんとうむしてんとうむし (lady bug): Can recognize 100% of hiragana (without the use of mnemonics), can read 75% and can write 50%
- Tonbo とんぼ (dragon fly): Can recognize 30 letters (with the use of JAR mnemonics), can read and write 20 letters
- Kamakiri かまきりかまきり (praying mantis): Can understand the concept of hiragana and recognize and/or read 20 letters (with the use of English mnemonics).

Goals for Vocabulary Booster Groups

- Jitensha じてしゃ (bicycle): Shift from using a string of words to express an idea to making simple sentences
- Funé ふね (boat): Understanding 75% and verbalizing 50% of the 120 vocabulary words learned in Hoshi-gumi in the 2017-2018 school year

Snack Time

There will be a snack time during class. Students wishing to participate in snack time will need to bring a snack from home. **The Pinnacle Charter School is a nut free school. Please make sure all snacks are free of tree nuts as well as peanuts. Students bringing snacks containing nuts will not be allowed to eat their snack inside the school.**

Homework

Most weeks there will be a set of words which the students (and when possible, parents) are encouraged to use at home. Extra written homework can be given upon request for a small fee to cover materials.

Communication

Most communication will be through email. Please make sure you read the emails as there may be important information as well as the week's homework vocabulary words.

Evaluation

No grades are given in Hayate-gumi. Student progress will be monitored on a regular basis to ensure that they are acquiring basic communication skills and cultural proficiency. Depending on the student's progress, the teacher may switch the student's group(s) within Hayate-gumi. There may be a simple evaluation at the end of the school year to ensure proper class placement the next year.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent teacher conferences will be held during the year upon request. Additional meetings may be

requested from either parents or teachers.

Absence

Please email the teacher at hayate@japaneseacademyoftherockies.org if you know your student will be absent prior to Saturday morning. Please contact the Japanese Academy of the Rockies main line at 303-585-1225 if you need to call in absent the morning of.

Weather Closures

Weather closures will be posted on the JAR website (<http://www.japaneseacademyoftherockies.org/>) by 7am that morning. If you are unsure, you can call the main line. School closure will be based on the weather condition around the school.

Textbooks and References

“Mirai Stage: 1 Coursebook” by Meg Evans, Yoko Masano, and Setsuko Taniguchi as a reference, but will not be following the book or its curriculum. Teacher will also prepare original material for the class.

Other Important Information

It is very remember that we are borrowing this school so we can have classes. We do not have a janitorial crew that comes in after our classes, so please make sure that only designated trashcans and bathrooms are being used, and eating is only allowed in designated areas. Please make sure your student does not touch or move anything in the hallway or in the classrooms.