

Japanese Academy of the Rockies SY2011-2012 Syllabus

Class Name : Hoshi

Age : 5 years old +

Class hours : Continuing students 9:00~11:30am

New students 10:00~12:30pm

Course Objectives

The children will gain knowledge of the letters, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation of the Japanese language in addition to learning about Japanese culture. The Hoshi-gumi(star class) offers children an enjoyable atmosphere, using audio-visual aids adhering to the TPR(Total Physical Response) approach to education.

The goal for this class is for the children to achieve a basic understanding of Japanese vocabulary and develop rudimentary conversational skills, through input/comprehension/output activities and games with an emphasis on the children outputting what they have learned.

Schedule

For whole class

Week 1&2 Review and some new materials presented by Prof.Murata

Week 3 Undoukai(Field Day) and Otanoshimikai(Summer Festival)

Week 4~8 Preparation and practice for a skit we will present at Japanese Speech Contest on Nov.5th

Week 9 Skit presentation at the 2011 Japanese Speech Contest

For continuing students

Week 4~8 All 46 Hiragana recognition review

25 hiragana writing review

Introducing Kanji relevant to the skit's content

For new students

Week 4~6 Introduction of Hiragana Table & 5 vowel Hiragana

Week 7&8 Thorough recognition of 5 vowel Hiragana

Introduction of 5 K-consonant Hiragana

Schedule of after 10 weeks will be announced later.

Textbooks and References

Teach Me Japanese, Teach Me Everyday Japanese, Nihongo: Introductory Japanese

Original materials provided by teacher

Evaluation

The children's progress will be monitored on a regular basis, to ensure they are acquiring basic communication skills and cultural proficiency.

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent teacher conferences will be held at the beginning and the end of the school year. Parent or teacher may request a conference when necessity occurs.