

Newsletter April

WHAT'S UP IN THE CLASS?

Monthly event study

Hinamaturi - ひなまつり

It began with a needle, thread, a piece of cloth, and a square of paper—but by the end of the evening, our classroom had blossomed into a joyful celebration of Hinamatsuri, Japan's beloved Doll Festival. Also known as Momo no Sekku, or the Peach Festival, the event coincides with the blooming of peach blossoms, long believed to ward off evil spirits and protect the future of young girls.

We started by creating our own decorations. Tsurushi-bina fabric flowers and origami folded Hina-ningyō (Emperor and Empress dolls). Seeing our decorations arranged together gave a real sense of the festival's charm.

For our dinner, we prepared a colorful chirashi-zushi (scattered sushi).

As we assembled the dish, we learned that each topping carries a wish:



Feature food Chirashi-zushi making

- Lotus root - representing a “clear view” of the future, with holes like little telescopes to glimpse what lies ahead
- Shrimp - for longevity, symbolizing a life so long that one's back bends like a prawn, much like a wise hunchback grandmother
- Shredded egg - representing wealth and gold

It was an evening full of creativity, laughter, and storytelling—a perfect reminder that culture isn't just learned; it's meant to be lived. Excited for what's coming at next month's event!



Tsurushi-bina fabric flowers



origami folded Hina-ningyō (Emperor and Empress dolls).

Beginner's grammar study

COUNTERS

The Japanese language has many kinds of counters for a variety of things such as papers, books, small animals, big animals and even a pair of chopsticks. All regular students are required to take the intensive class and learn how to use them by playing a game.



Beginner's reading & writing - Effective writing

THE READING & WRITING CLASS PROVIDES EFFECTIVE WRITING METHODS.

二つのエドモントン

エドモントンは、夏と冬がとてもちがいます。まるで二つのとこかに住んでいるようです。

エドモントンの夏はとても暑いです。そらは青くて、木はみどり色です。日の出は早くて、日の入りは遅いです。私は朝と夕方にひつようなことをします。そして、昼に家でやすみます。

冬は日がみじかいです。おきるときはくらいです。晩ごはんを食べるときもくらいです。雪と氷がたくさんあるので、うんてんや歩くことが危ないです。私は家において、熱いお茶を飲みます。

夏のエドモントンと冬のエドモントンがとてもちがいますが、ともに面白いです。

ジェニファー

Two Edmontons

In Edmonton, summer and winter are very different. It's like living in two cities. Edmonton summers are very hot. The sky is blue and the trees are green. The sun rises early and sets late. I do what I need to do in the morning and the evening. In the middle of the day I rest.

In winter the days are short. When I wake up, it's dark. When I eat dinner, it's dark again. All the snow and ice makes it dangerous to walk and drive. I stay inside and drink hot tea. Edmonton summer and Edmonton winter are very different, but both are entertaining.

Jennifer

ANNOUNCEMENT



SAM PASSED JLPT N3 EXAM

April

MONTHLY EVENT STUDY FOR APRIL - ONLINE

SCHOOL / COMPANY ENTRANCE CEREMONY
入学式（にゅうがくしき） / 入社式（にゅうしゃしき）

Class will be closed
May 5-June 9
for annual maintenance.