Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

This year, Library lessons and Japanese lessons are alternating by each term: In term one and term three, Grade three to six students are having a Japanese lesson once per week. Japanese lessons for Prep to Grade two students are in term two and term four.

Our main topic for this term is “about me” and “about Japan (geography of Japan).” Grade three and four students will learn how to read, write and say their own name in Japanese. They also make a Japanese style New Year card to send to our sister school, Minami Susono Primary School.

Grade five and six students will learn not only to talk about themselves but also to construct some Japanese sentences. They will look up one of the main Japanese symbols called “Hiragana” throughout this term. The students will also undertake the project called “going to Japan.” They will choose one topic to investigate and present to the rest of the class, so other students are able to organise their Japan trip itinerary.

Finally, I am looking for some parents/guardians to help me water the Japanese garden on Thursday or Friday. At this moment, I am working with selected Grade six students to water and weed the Japanese garden once per week. In order to maintain the garden well, and to give it the best chance for the plants to grow and thrive, I would highly appreciate an extra hand with the watering. If you are able to help watering, could you kindly let me know? I am working on Monday and Tuesday. Alternatively, you could leave your name and contact detail in the office. I will get back to you ASAP.

Arigatoo gozaimasu (thank you).

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