

Minasan konnichiwa (Hello, everyone)

Japanese numbers

1	Ichi	一	21	Ni juu ichi	二十一
2	Ni	二	22	Ni juu ni	二十二
3	San	三	23	Ni juu san	二十三
4	Yon/shi	四	24	Ni juu shi/yon	二十四
5	Go	五	25	Ni juu go	二十五
6	Roku	六	26	Ni juu roku	二十六
7	Nana/shichi	七	27	Ni juu nana/shichi	二十七
8	Hachi	八	28	Ni juu hachi	二十八
9	Kyuu/ku	九	29	Ni juu kyuu/ku	二十九
10	Juu	十	30	San juu	三十
11	Juu ichi	十一	31	San juu ichi	三十一
12	Juu ni	十二	42	Yon juu ni	四十二
13	Juu san	十三	53	Go juu san	五十三
14	Juu shi/yon	十四	64	Roku juu shi/yon	六十四
15	Juu go	十五	75	Nana juu go	七十五
16	Juu roku	十六	86	Hachi juu roku	八十六
17	Juu shichi/nana	十七	97	Kyuu juu nana/shichi	九十七
18	Juu hachi	十八	98	Kyuu juu hachi	九十八
19	Juu kyuu/ku	十九	99	Kyuu juu kyuu	九十九
20	Ni juu	二十	100	hyaku	百

In term one and two, Year three to six students are having Japanese lessons. Many students including new students have already started demonstrating their great enthusiasm to use Japanese whenever opportunities arise. Often we start our Japanese lessons by students' asking a Japanese cushion (zabuton) and receiving it in an age appropriate Japanese way. Students have been learning to ask whether they could go to the toilet in Japanese (*toire ni itte mo iidesu ka*), introduce their name in Japanese (*boku wa name des* for a boy, *watashi wa name des* for a girl), count Japanese numbers (1-20, and 10's skip counting for year six), say 4 colours, chant or sing a Hiragana song (one type of Japanese symbols) and use basic Japanese greetings throughout the lessons.

Colours in Japanese

Blue: ao あお Red: aka あか

Yellow: kiiri きいろ Green: midori みどり

In addition to the language learning, the students will learn some aspects of their integrated curriculum (such as famous Japanese seasonal festivals for year three, now and old days in Japan for year four, global issues in Japan for year five, and Japanese commercialism for year six). I am very lucky to have students often ask very good questions related to what they are learning to expand their understanding of Japan. Some students kindly gave me suggestions to modify their learning activity to make it more meaningful for them. If you have any questions and suggestions to Japanese learning, please let me know.



We also have Japanese activities outside the normal Japanese lessons. Japanese garden club is organised every Monday lunch time. At this moment, our main focus is to water the plants so they could survive this dry seasons. If you have a little bit of time and love to look after nature, please come to help us on Monday lunch time in the Japanese garden.

Arigatoo goziamasu (Thank you very much)

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