

# NJJS ESL NEWSLETTER

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新年度が始まり、今日からは改元で令和となりました。NJJS ESL DEPARTMENT では、この NJJS ESL NEWSLETTER を発行し、ESL の授業の学習内容や学習状況について詳しくお伝えしていきます。本年度もどうぞよろしくお願いたします。4月の最初の ESL の授業でクラス分けテストを行い、中等部は4クラスに分かれて学習を進めています。今月の NJJS NEWSLETTER では、4月の学習状況と5月の学習内容についてお伝えします。



GRADES 7-9

## Nadia

### In April we:

- Went over the class expectations
- Reviewed the alphabet and numbers
- Learned the classroom vocabulary
- Began phonics skills using beginner *Spelling* books

### In May we will:

- Continue working in our *Spelling* books
- Learn about calendar, weather, and seasons
- Go over sports vocabulary
- Use prepositions to express location of classroom objects

The class has such a nice group of students, and it was a pleasure meeting them. We are starting with the basics of reading as we introduce phonics and sounds of letters. We will expand our vocabulary as we learn the classroom objects, and then eventually how to tell where they are using simple prepositions. I know the students will learn a lot, and that it will be a great year!

## Sandra

Welcome back! I went over classroom expectations and what is expected of the students throughout the year. We will be doing many different presentations throughout the year, and it is very important for your child to prepare for these presentations and to speak. I assigned a monthly reading log. I expect your child to be reading at home on a daily basis. If you have any questions or concerns you can always send me a note in your child's folder. I am looking forward to a great year!

### In April we:

- Practiced conversation about their weekend
- Read *Scholastic News* and talked about current events
- Did a presentation *All About Me*

### In May we will:

- Do a presentation on the different types of animals in New Jersey
- Continue with our *Scholastic News*
- Talk about Mother's Day and make a card
- Introduce some terms associated with Sports Day

## Nancy

Welcome to another year at The New Jersey Japanese School. Your students are off to a great start in ESL. While our focus in this class is reading and writing, we will not ignore the other areas of language learning: speaking and listening. In this class, we concentrate on accuracy and learning the rules of the language. We also try to extend sentence length and develop vocabulary. This trimester we will focus on writing.

### In April we:

- learned how to write a paragraph.
- learned how to write a summary.
- focused on improving our skills in the above areas.
- began our spelling program (This will be ongoing throughout the year.).

### In May we will:

- learn how to write a five-paragraph essay.
- improve our skills in writing a five-paragraph essay.
- discuss writing with voice (showing our personality through our writing).
- play *Scrabble*.

## Robin

I am excited to start the new school year. I hope everyone enjoyed their time off. Each student will receive a grammar book, notebook, and folder. They are required to bring this folder to every class. They will also be required to read independently at home. Each student is expected to complete a weekly journal entry that will be assigned on Tuesday and due on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at [rgillesheimer@gmail.com](mailto:rgillesheimer@gmail.com) or call the school.

### In April we:

- learned about what literature is.
- read *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe.
- discussed irony, surprised ending, and role reversal.

### In May we will:

- learn about story elements.
- read poems and learn about simile, metaphor, and alliteration.
- write a Haiku poem.

