

NJJS ESL NEWSLETTER

5/3/2023 NJJS ESL department

2023年度もNJJS ESL departmentよりESLニュースレターを配信いたします。
月末にその月に学習した内容をお伝えしていきます。ESLや英語／外国語活動の時間に身につけた表現をたくさん使って楽しく充実した時間を過ごしてほしいと思います。
今回は4月の学習状況をお伝えします。今年度もどうぞよろしくお願いいたします。
ESLの先生達からのメッセージです。お読みください。



Dear Parents,

Please be advised our ESL teachers will be sending home completed classwork and checked homework to be kept at home for your review and records. Please check your child's folder daily to empty out completed assignments and return that night's homework back to school.

Thank you for your support,
The ESL Teachers

Grade 4-6

<p>Robin (C class) English Study Class</p>	<p>Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring vacation. I am excited to begin the new school year. Prior to working at NJJS I was a Special Education teacher for 5 years. I took some time off to raise my children. Once I was able to start teaching again I became an ESL tutor for 2 years and then was lucky enough to start at NJJS. This will be my 9th year teaching at NJJS, and I am looking forward to another great year.</p> <p>My English Study Class is for students who have mastered the Skills Development class and are mostly fluent in English. This class is similar to a public school general education setting with minor accommodations. Students in this class will focus on vocabulary development, phonics, and spelling. During classes we will work on grammar techniques and activities to promote stronger writing. They will read magazines and short stories consisting of fiction and nonfiction and complete various assessments related to their reading such as: "wh" questions, summaries, and essays. To promote speech and articulation the class will have numerous opportunities to read out loud.</p> <p>This month my class started out with a writing activity about their spring break. They were given spelling/vocabulary workbooks. We will be using the <i>Wordly Wise</i> series this year. They will be given a spelling test on Wednesdays. They also will be required to write a journal for homework due on every Monday. In class we reviewed the main idea and supporting details of a short story. They also started learning how to write a summary of a history article about Amelia Airheart. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me. robin.gillesheimer@njjsnewjerseyjapaneseschool.org</p>
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<p>Nadia (B class) Skills Development</p>	<p>Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. I'm happy to be starting a new school year at NJJS. I began my teaching career as a Basic Skills teacher and soon after became an ESL teacher in Paterson, NJ, where I taught adults with beginner English language skills for 8 years. I started at NJJS in 2008, and took a few years off to be home with my kids. I returned in 2014 and have been teaching here ever since.</p> <p>My skills Development class is for children who have mastered the Skills and Readiness class. Students work on increasing vocabulary skills as well as improving reading comprehension and writing skills. This class continues to build on the foundations learned in Skills and Readiness. The students will read longer texts, and learn to write more detailed and descriptive sentences, while continuing to work on speaking and listening skills. Curriculum includes building on phonics foundations, spelling and reading comprehension/writing skills.</p> <p>In April we learned about the class rules, talked and wrote about spring and began working in the phonics books. We also started reading development and practice with our first <i>Scholastic News</i> article. We began a grammar review of subject pronouns and contractions as well. I'm looking forward to getting to know and teach this wonderful group of children!</p>
<p>Kristen (A class) Skills and Readiness</p>	<p>Welcome to Skills and Readiness class. My name is Ms. Kristen Haftek and I grew up in Wyckoff, New Jersey. I majored in Language Arts and minored in Art in college. After teaching in public school for over twenty years I was able to pursue my passion and teach Honors Language Arts and Graphic Design where I was able to express my passion for Art. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me. kristen.haftek@njjsnewjerseyjapaneseschool.org.</p> <p>In my NJJS Skills and Readiness Class students worked on increasing vocabulary skills, as well as, improving reading comprehension and basic writing skills. This class offers an emphasis on acquiring skills necessary to develop a foundation for learning the English language. Curriculum includes the development of proper phonics, decoding, sight words, reading and writing skills through ongoing literacy lessons.</p> <p>This year will be filled with many fun English academics. In April we learned about spring and seasonal vocabulary. We read books about spring and discussed seasonal adjectives that describe the local weather. The class also shared what we did over Spring Break and wrote sentences about their adventures. I look forward to a terrific year ahead with my students.</p>