



NJJS ESL NEWSLETTER

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1学期も無事に終わりをむかえました。今学期はたくさんの笑顔溢れる姿がありました。子どもたちは授業を通じて表現力や聞く力が伸びました。この夏休みにはぜひ、現地の人と英語を使ったコミュニケーションに挑戦して欲しいと思います。今学期のESL活動に、ご理解とご協力を賜り、誠にありがとうございました。

Grade 4 - 6



Name	Robin robin.gillesheimer@njjsnewjerseyjapaneseschool.org
Class	English Study Class
Content Completed	In June and July, we: • continued with plot, problem, and solutions. • learned about similes and metaphors. • completed activities about alliteration and onomatopoeia. • learned about personification. • reviewed the importance of topic sentences. • completed reading workbook lessons. • continued with grammar workbooks. • discussed the 4th of July and its 250th birthday this year.
Comments	During June, we continued to work in our grammar and reading workbooks. The class also completed various activities related to literary devices. They learned how to write using personification, similes, metaphors, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. We also discussed the types of literature in which these literary devices are found. In July, we discussed the importance of the 4th of July and its 250th birthday year. Enjoy your summer!

Name	Nadia nadia.stern@ nijisnewjerseyjapaneseschool.org
Class	Skills Development
Content Completed	In June and July, we: • studied the long “o” in phonics. • learned some prepositions of location and practiced using the expression “There is/there are”. • learned about Flag Day. • focused on reading skills and comprehension through our <i>Scholastic News</i> article and related activities. • learned about the summer season using new vocabulary and discussed our likes/dislikes about summer. • made a Father’s Day craft. • studied Independence Day and why it is so important.
Comments	The class continued to do a great job learning more vocabulary and applying it in their reading and writing, particularly about the summer holidays and the season of summer. They continued working on long vowel sounds in phonics, which concluded with a spelling quiz of some words we studied. We ended the semester with some games and a movie. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer break!

Name	Kerry kerry.kennedy@njjsnewjerseyjapaneseschool.org
Class	Beginner
Content Completed	In June and July, we: • worked on vocabulary and place names for a city, typical American neighborhood and civic entities such as police, fire station, and hospitals, etc. • reviewed phonics daily to strengthen pronunciation. • learned how to describe facial expressions such as happy vs. sad. • built vocabulary for household item names, rooms and structure of apartments, houses, and farms. • worked on a FIFA project, discussing countries (names), players, did crossword puzzles and introduced new vocabulary to build sentence structure for writing and reading comprehension.
Comments	In the last several months I have gotten to know my students better and have been so impressed by their progress. I hope each and every one of them will select some English language books for summer reading! I look forward to working with them next semester. Enjoy your holiday!

