

# Welcome to Japanese 1 Honors Class

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- Introduction:** This Honors Japanese 1 is the first stage of the Pre-AP course. Please keep in mind that those students who are taking this course are preparing for AP level in their fourth year of study.
- My Philosophy:** The students' daily usage in Japanese reinforces their language skills and their self-confidence. For this level, the use of simple phrases such as: using the restroom, returning to their locker, and inquiring about their homework assignments are expected.
- Goals:** At the end of the year, the students are able to:
- 1) Engage in conversation with a native speaker, providing and obtaining information about people, their family, and the town they live in.
  - 2) Understand and interpret spoken and written Japanese language on various topics.
  - 3) Give a brief presentation to their class in Japanese.
  - 4) Demonstrate an understanding of the tradition, products and perspectives of Japanese life.
  - 5) Discuss the differences and similarities across the cultures and begin to explain the reasons.
  - 6) Write and read 120 Kanji and the compound words.
- Grading:** Quiz 15%, Homework 5%, Writing & Reading Test 40%, Listening & Speaking Test 40%
- Extra Help:** I am available before period 1 starts, 7:00 – 7:25 AM. Please make an appointment if it is after school hours.
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