

JAPAN in the Classroom

We hope to bring Japan to your classroom!!

The Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) program has been launched in order to increase the understanding of Japan and Japanese culture among the people of the southeast United States. It has been active since 2002 and sends outreach coordinators to the region every year from Japan. The JOI coordinator brings Japanese culture to secondary schools as well as provides workshops and presentations to libraries and/or community centers.

The Center for Asian Studies at University of Georgia, Athens, directed by Dr. Farley Richmond, is also dedicated to providing a better understanding of East Asian Studies through the National Consortium for Teaching Asia (NCTA) program.

Hijiri Hattori is a 2008-2010 JOI coordinator assigned to the Center for Asian Studies. She is from Japan and visits schools in Georgia, providing presentations and cultural activities in the classroom. Her mission also includes conducting Japan-related event such as a film festival and Japanese performers (most recently a Noh theatre company from Tokyo).

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Please complete the form below and submit it to the above address at least 3 weeks before the presentation or workshop is desired.

Here are some examples of classroom presentations. If you have a specific topic, please feel free to contact Hijiri Hattori to discuss your ideas.

For 1st grade classes including:

- ✓ Japanese way of life (food, cloth, house)
- ✓ Japan location and climate using a map
- ✓ Animal sounds in Japan
- ✓ Japanese traditional toys and Origami
- ✓ Counting and greeting in Japanese
- ✓ Japanese letters



For 7th grade Social Studies classes including:

- ✓ Japan location and climate
- ✓ Four seasons in Japan
- ✓ Japanese language
- ✓ Japan's constitution and government
- ✓ Japanese citizen life (school, customs, religion...)
- ✓ Japan-US relationship

For 12th grade Language Arts classes including:

- ✓ Japanese phonologic characters of Hiragana and Katakana
- ✓ Japanese pangram of Irohauta
- ✓ Introduction of Kanji and Haiku
- ✓ Uniqueness of Japanese expression (word order, honorific language, emoticons)
- ✓ Dialect in Japanese
- ✓ How to write students names in Japanese characters (optional: try calligraphy)

