



May 2, 2011

Dear Ryu parents,

Welcome back to Nakayoshi Gakko!

I am very happy to be back to Nakayoshi Gakko and be part of this wonderful community. This year has been an extremely difficult year for many of us. I sincerely thank you for all your support and prayers for Tsunami-Earthquake victims in Japan.

Ryu, Japanese dragon, is often considered as water “kami” (Spirit). The most important aspect of Ryu class is “KI-AI” and “WA”. We would like to show the spirit of dragon through the teamwork. We will refresh some Japanese tradition that we have learnt before Ryu classes and we will try to understand the reason why we do certain tradition. We hope to master some of Samurai spirit along the way which is still the basis of Japanese culture. The field trip to San Francisco Asian Art Museum will be memorable and meaningful. We will also have Taiko lessons, Japanese class, cooking class and Manga class and other cultural class so it will be busy but fun filled week!

Please bring following items to the class:

- Pens, pencils, eraser
- Binder papers
- Color pencils & markers
- Stick glue
- Scissor
- Crayons
- Black Sharpie or permanent marker
- Tacky glue/material glue (optional)
- Dictionary (English-Japanese)

Students will wear all black (black T shirt, pants) for the Bunraku performance. The school has the supplies for the doll making but we would truly appreciate if you have any old Yukata, Kimono, and/or Happi, which we can use as clothing for dolls.

I hope your child will gain a greater appreciation of the Japanese culture and its history through Nakayoshi.

If you have any questions/concern, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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