

Dear Tsuru Families,

Welcome to the Tsuru class!

I am so excited to be back at Nakayoshi. Although this is my first year teaching the Tsuru class, I know that your final year with us will be an interesting, exciting and pleasurable experience for all of you.

In the short two weeks that we are together we will be reviewing the Japanese American experience and how it relates to you and what is going on today. We will explore how elements from traditional Japanese culture are integrated into our daily lives. We learn about the challenges our grandparents and families faced over the past 100 years. I hope that you will find this class engaging and you will be motivated to continue your exploration for more information about how the past has and will continue to impact your lives.

I consider it a privilege to be back at Nakayoshi and working with our families. If at any time you would like to offer comments, suggestions and or thoughts. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [dianesasaki@gmail.com](mailto:dianesasaki@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Diane Sasaki

Please bring the following items on the first day of class

Pencil and eraser  
Colored markers and pencils  
Scissors  
Glue stick  
Ruler  
Highlighter  
Binder for classwork

Please bring a 1 inch binder that we will use to create a family album