



## Sempai Information Sheet

June 17 through June 28  
2013

Congratulations on being selected as a Sempai's for Nakayoshi Gakko. We hope that you will find this experience rewarding and educational as you learn more about the Japanese and Japanese-American culture, and about yourself.

Your position as a Sempai will be very demanding as you assist teachers, parents and most importantly, the children at Nakayoshi Gakko. Your most crucial role is that of a **Role Model**. The children will look up to you, learn from you, and feel that you have something to offer them.

Some requirements:

1. Your primary responsibility is to help your classroom teacher in whatever way you can. If he/she doesn't give specific directions, you are expected to take initiative and/or ask how you can be of help.
2. Learn the rules/expectations that the teacher establishes, and be consistent with enforcing them with the students. This will help you to deal with discipline/behavior issues.
3. Observe daily routines.
4. Find or establish a time to talk with the teacher about your role in the classroom.
5. You and the daily parent volunteer are responsible for the orderly movement of your class to and from recess and lunch. In the afternoon block of "Specialty Classes" you will stay with your assigned class as they participate in the two scheduled activities that change daily.
6. Help monitor the afternoon snack period. Supervise recess and lunch break.
7. Stay with your class during the demonstration period. Gentle reminders, audience etiquette, sitting between disruptive students, etc.
8. Ensure children are properly signed out and picked up at the end of each day.
9. Use good judgment. There will be times when you will have to make decisions, especially when safety is an issue.
10. Be a positive role model. You and your actions will be a measure for your students to gauge their own standards.

We must emphasize that the number one priority is the **SAFETY** of the children.