



May 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's Tsuru class!

This is my first year teaching the Tsuru class and I'm looking forward to meeting everyone! The Tsuru class will study the outbreak of World War II and its effects on the Japanese American community. While this is a theme of a prior class, we would like the students to take a more reflective look at the effects of internment and being drafted into the armed forces. Part of this new focus will also be looking at the civil rights aspects of this difficult time.

In regards to projects, we will be able to bring all of our traditional projects back in addition to a few new ones. In preparation for session, I would like the students to have the following:

1. Writing Utensils
2. School glue (liquid)
3. Scissors
4. Stapler w/staples
5. Two clear 2-liter bottles (ones with straight, uniform walls)
6. Personal hand sanitizer
7. Disinfectant wipes for work surfaces
8. Taiko buckets, bachi (sticks), and soroban (abacus) from last year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me using the information below. I'm looking forward to a great session working with both you and your children.

Sincerely,

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