

(English version of school brochure 2009)

# Japanese Children's Society, Inc.

## Japanese Preschool & Elementary School

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### School Song

Written by Shinichior Sako composed by Shoichiro Sako translated by Toshikatsu Konishi

1. A blue sky broadening over the earth,  
The Hudson River flowing on the earth,  
Like a young tree growing up healthily and quickly  
All of us extend our hands  
And grow strong and big,  
Our school
2. On the bright wind filled with light,  
A smiling face full of enjoyment,  
Like small birds singing amicably  
All of us live in a harmony with each other  
Encourage and train ourselves  
Our school
3. In the city where a large number of people flow all over the world  
Searching for freedom and having a dream  
Like the Liberty of Stature uplifting a torch  
All of us are fired with high hopes,  
And build the peace  
Our school  
Our school

## **Mission Statement**

1. To give Japanese preschool and elementary aged children a broad, rich education.
2. To shape and nurture their social and intellectual development.
3. To provide support and education in first language acquisition to preschool and elementary aged students.
4. To provide a cosmopolitan educational experience to students.

Our belief is that our students must have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the Japanese language and culture in order to survive in today's world. Above all they should become proficient in other languages and cultures of welcomed by the global community.

## **Statement from Principal**

The Japanese Children's Society was founded in New York City in 1980 as a Japanese language-based preschool and kindergarten. In 1989 the school moved to Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey where it expanded to include elementary school. Since that, it has been the only school offering preschool and elementary school education in the east coast.

The school offers students the nationalized curriculum of Japan. Japanese is the official language at the school although an emphasis is placed on an ESL education to broaden our students. The ESL program has been developed by Japanese and English native-speaking instructors with enthusiasm, so that it is student-centered, motivating, and supportive of their English language development.

The school also provides a counseling service to parents and children who seek assistance in adjusting to the US or readjusting to Japan. The service facilitates a family's transition by closely communicating with educational facilities to which students are transferring.

The school is operated as a private, non-profit institution based on the needs and desire of the local Japanese community. We are happy to report that approximately 3,000 J.C.S grades are achieving and excelling in Japan and throughout the world with the educational foundation they received at the J.C.S. We invite students to join our small, friendly, comfortable, learning-community. We are making a difference.

Toru Okamoto  
Principal

## I. **Preschool Curriculum Operation**

1. **Goal:**  
To help students develop their cheerfulness, honesty, and confidence
2. **Objectivities:**
  - a. To help students develop their first language through nurturing them in Japanese.
  - b. To help students develop independent basic living skills
  - c. To help students improve their basic social skills
  - d. To help students cultivate common sense when communicating with their peers and friends
  - e. To help students broaden their points of view and cultivate a greater global awareness and multi-cultural sensitivity by experiencing American cultures and customs
3. **Academic Year (April of 2009 to March of 2010)**
  - a. **First semester (April 1 to June 24)**  
Main school events  
Entrance ceremony, Welcome party for newcomers, teacher-parent meetings, Japanese Culture Celebrations (Children's Day Celebration), field trips, swimming lessons, parent's visitation day
  - b. **Second semester (August 17 to December 23)**  
Main school events:  
Sports day, field trips, Halloween Party, parent's visitation day, teacher-parent meetings, birthday party, school festival, holiday party
  - c. **Third semester (January 5 to March 22)**  
Main school events:  
Japanese Cultural Celebrations (rice cake making party, Girl's Day Party, Bean-Throwing Festival), Farewell Party, Graduation Ceremony)
4. **Weekly Schedule**  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (8:45 am to 2:30 pm)  
Wednesday (8:45 am to 12:50 am)
5. **Daily Schedule**

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	
8:45 to 9:00	Arrival
9:00 to 10:00	Free activities
10:00 to 10:30	Morning activities I (dancing, singing or painting)
10:30 to 11:30	Morning activities II
11:30 to 12:30	Lunch
12:30 to 2:00	Afternoon activities
2:00 to 2:30	Story-telling, singing, and word playing
2:30 to 2:40	Departure
Wednesday	
8:45 to 9:00	Arrival
9:00 to 10:00	Free activities
10:00 to 10:30	Morning activities I (dancing, singing or painting)
10:30 to 11:30	Morning activities II
11:30 to 12:30	Lunch
12:30 to 12:50	Story-telling, singing, and word play
12:50 to 1:00	Departure
6. **Key features**
  - a. **Curriculum**  
The curriculum follows the Japanese national curriculum approved by Ministry of Education and Science. It is well balanced between play and learning-oriented time.

- b. Class  
Preschool has the following three classes: 1) 3 year-old class; 2) 4 year-old class, 3) 5 year-old class. Each class is supervised by two homeroom teachers with rich teaching experience in Japan and the US.
- c. Special subjects
  - English playing:  
A native English-speaker leads the students in children's songs and games familiarizing them to English sounds and words in a fun, no-threatening environment
  - Music: A professional pianist with rich experience in teaching is in charge of the class and encourages students to get involved in music activities.
  - Art:  
An artist with extensive teaching experience with young children motivates students to get involved in art activities.
  - Others:  
Homeroom teachers have their own personal interests and talents. (e.g., cooking, sports, origami) They share these with students in other classes. This results in teachers knowing all students in the preschool division.
- d. Lunch meeting  
Students are divided into different aged groups, have lunch in the group, and play together after lunch. This helps them establish friendly relationships with a variety of students.
- e. Cooking  
Students are often given good opportunities to make lunches and snacks.
- f. Birthday Party  
One day every month students join together to have a birthday party. The parents of students celebrating their birthdays during the specific month are invited to join the festivities.
- g. Swimming  
In the summer students play in a wading on the school ground the weather permitting and hot. The five-year-old class also has a swimming class in an indoor pool.
- h. Physical measurement  
Every month the height and weight of students are measured and recorded.
- i. Story-telling of picture books  
The daily classroom story-telling activities allow students to develop their imaginations, and provide them with Japanese language enrichment opportunities.
- j. Club activities  
We have a soccer club after school that is targeted for 5-year-old students. The club meets once a week.

*All the photos on page 3 and 4 of the Japanese version of this brochure show main school events in an academic year.*

### **Trial Admission**

A trial admission is available, and it is recommended for parents to considering sending their children to Japanese Children's Society, Inc. This trial provides children with an opportunity to participate in class for a few weeks. For further information, please contact us.

## II. Elementary School's Curriculum Operation

1. Goals:
  - a. To help students learn comfortably and to self-discipline
  - b. To help students enrich their minds by providing them with cross-cultural experiences
  
2. Objectivities:
  - a. To encourage students to shape an self-motivated attitude toward learning, to build their basic learning ability, and to develop their recognition.
  - b. To foster cooperation among students by letting them participate into group activities.
  - c. To help students make their mind and body sound and lead a cheerful, comfortable school life.
  - d. To support students in building their rich, flexible mind and in forming a broaden, international point of view
  
3. Yearly Schedule
  - a. First semester (April 1 to June 24)  
Main School Events: entrance ceremony, teacher-parent meetings, field trips, sports day, bilingual day, school trip, parent's visitation day, swimming lessons
  - b. Second semester (August 17 to December 23)  
Main School Events: swimming lessons, field trips, teacher-parent meeting, parent's visitation day, ice skating lessons, Halloween party, bilingual day, bazaar, school festival
  - c. Third semester (January 5 to March 22)  
Main School Events: Japanese culture celebrations (rice cake making party, New Year's writing), tennis lessons, field trip, farewell party, graduation ceremony, jumping rope contest

### 4. Class hours and time table

#### Class hours

	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Japanese	9	9	7	7	6	6
Social Study			3	3	3	4
Math	5	5	5	5	5	5
Science			3	3	3	3
Life	3	3				
English	5	5	5	5	5	5
Music	3	3	3	3	3	3
Arts	3	3	3	3	3	3
Home economics					1	0.5
Physical Education	3	3	3	3	2.5	2
Special Activities	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Integrated Study	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total (hrs/week)	32	32	32	32	32	32
Total (hrs/year)	1244	1280	1280	1280	1280	1242
Public schools in Japan (hrs/year)	880	945	1024	1063	1063	1063

## Timetable

### Monday/Wednesday/Thursday

8:40 to 8:50	Arrival
8:50 to 9:00	independent study time
9:00 to 9:10	Morning meeting
9:10 to 9:50	1 <sup>st</sup> period
9:55 to 10:35	2 <sup>nd</sup> period
10:35 to 10:55	Recess
10:55 to 11:35	3 <sup>rd</sup> period
11:40 to 12:20	4 <sup>th</sup> period
12:20 to 1:00	Lunch
1:00 to 1:40	5 <sup>th</sup> period
1:45 to 2:25	6 <sup>th</sup> period
2:30 to 3:10	7 <sup>th</sup> period
3:10 to 3:40	HR
3:40	Departure

### Tuesday/Thursday

8:40 to 8:50	Arrival
8:50 to 9:00	Independent study time
9:00 to 9:10	Morning meeting
9:10 to 9:50	1 <sup>st</sup> period
9:55 to 10:35	2 <sup>nd</sup> period
10:35 to 10:55	Rest
10:55 to 11:35	3 <sup>rd</sup> period
11:40 to 12:20	4 <sup>th</sup> period
12:20 to 1:00	Lunch
1:00 to 1:40	5 <sup>th</sup> period
1:45 to 2:25	6 <sup>th</sup> period
2:25 to 2:50	HR
2:50	Departure

*All photos on page 6 and 7 of the Japanese version show main school events.*

Subjects by specialty teachers: English, Art, music, calligraphy, Japanese, music, and graduation production

Extra curriculum activities: student government, club, afterschool program, summer program, summer camp, and ski camp

Club activities: baseball, soccer, computer, and season sports

After school program: calligraphy, karate, Japanese language class, painting, and ESL

### Computer education

In class students are given frequent opportunities to explore and gather information using the internet. A computer club offers students an opportunity to learn higher computer skills.

### English: ESL & Bilingual Program

The ESL program is designed for students from Japan to support the development of their English skills. ESL classes are divided into three proficiency levels. The language arts program is designed for bilingual students to continue a native or near-native course of study the English language.

Students are offered a variety of American cultural events which include a Halloween assembly and party and holiday song assemblies. Visits do and from American schools give students use English and forge friendship with native English speakers. Students may take the English Proficiency Test approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science. This test is one of the main factors for admission to private junior high schools in Japan.

### Where graduates go

Azabu Junior High School                      Gakushuin Junior High School  
Keimei Gakuen                      Sibuya Kyoiku Gakuen Makuhari Junior High School  
Shonan Shirayuri Junior High School                      Chiyoda Jogakuen  
Rikkyo Ikubukuro Junior High School      Ootsuma Junior High School  
Tokyo Liberal Arts College Affiliated Junior High School  
Keio University Affiliated Junior High School  
Shibaura Industrial University Affiliated Junior High School  
Tamagawa Gakuen                      Musashi Junior High School  
Kaisei Academy Junior High school                      Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High school  
Englewood Cliffs Upper School                      Tenafly Middle School  
New Jersey Japanese School      Koshien Gakuin                      The Elizabeth Morrow School

### Special guests and speakers

Mr. Ikuo Hirayama (UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador/painter)  
Mr. Shuntaro Tanigawa (poet)  
Ms. Midori Goto (pianist)  
Ms. Mariko Senju (violinist)  
Ms. Toko Shinoda (calligrapher)  
Mr. Rokusuke Ei (composer)  
Ms. Peggy Hayama (singer)  
Prof. Takaya Kawabe (professor of United Nations University/UrTech)  
Mr. Hideki Matsui (base ball player / New York Yankees)

### Achievements on proficiency tests (2007-2008 year)

#### English Proficiency Test

2<sup>nd</sup> class 3 people, Pre 2<sup>nd</sup> class 8 people, 3<sup>rd</sup> class 10 people, 4<sup>th</sup> class 9 people, 5<sup>th</sup> class 8 people

#### Chinese Character Proficiency Test

Pre 2<sup>nd</sup> class 1 person, 6<sup>th</sup> class 1 person, 7<sup>th</sup> class 1 person, 9<sup>th</sup> class 4 people

#### Art of Calligraphy Certificate

4<sup>th</sup> class 6 people, 5<sup>th</sup> class 27 people

#### The Mathematics Certification

3<sup>rd</sup> class 1 person, 4<sup>th</sup> class 3 people, 5<sup>th</sup> class 3 people, 6<sup>th</sup> class 1 person, 7<sup>th</sup> or under class many students

III. Campus and indoor building map  
[www.japaneseschool.org/top\\_info/ikuei-school-map.php](http://www.japaneseschool.org/top_info/ikuei-school-map.php)

IV. School Bus  
Bus service is available, but not exclusively, to the following: Manhattan (NY), Fort Lee, Englewood Cliffs, Cliffside Part, Leonia, Tenafly, Palisades Park, Demarest, Closter, and so on. In case of inclement weather like storm, the service is not available. In this case, the school is closed or we offer point-to-point bus service.

V. Direction to School

1. From New York City

a. Via car

Go onto the GW Bridge/Upper Level. Enter the second exit (Fort Lee-Hudson Terrace) after the bridge.

Continue on the ramp to Hudson Terrace, and at the end of the ramp, turn left on Hudson Terrace.

Continue on Hudson Terrace, and Turn left at Bayview Ave. The school building is on the left.

b. Public Transportation

From midtown

Take No.156 on NJ Transit bus at the Port Authority Bus Terminal and get out at Bayview Ave. You can see our school on the left side. It takes about 50 min.

From uptown

Get off Subway A at 175 St. GW Bridge Bus Terminal, and go up to the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. Take No.186 on NJ Transit or 9A on Red & Tan Lines, and get off at Bayview Ave. It takes 10 min.

2. From New Jersey

Take any road toward GW Bridge. When you are close to the Bridge, take 9W (Lemoine Ave. or Sylvan Ave.) to the north. Continue on 9W for about 3 min, and take the left turn on Bayview Ave.

## 2009 Registration for Japanese School Children's Preschool

1. Admission requirement: 3 to 5 years old on April of 2008  
Required to pass the entrance examination
2. Academic Year: April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010  
First semester- April 1 to June 24  
Second semester-August 17 to December 23  
Third semester-January 5 of 2009 to March 22 of 2009
3. School Days: Monday to Friday
4. Time table: Arrival 8:45 to 9:00  
Nursery school in session 9:00to2:30 (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday)  
9:00 to 12:50 (Wednesday)  
Departure 2:30 to 2:40  
\*Babysitting service: to 4:00  
\*Adjusted time schedule: 3 years-old 9:00 to 11:50 (until April 16)  
3 years-old 9:00 to 12:50 (until April 30)  
4 years-old 9:00 to 12:50 (until April 16)  
5 years-old 9:00 to 12:50 (until 16)
5. Holidays: summer, winter, spring, and national holidays
6. Features of Curriculum: a. Based on the national standardized Curriculum in Japan  
b. English play taught by a native English speaking instructor with teaching experience  
c. Enrichment program by a musician and artists qualified to teach
7. Enrollment limit: 3 years-old class: 19 4years-old class: 24 5 years-old class: 24
8. Registration fee: \$50
9. Admission fee: \$900
10. Tuition: 3 years old  
1<sup>st</sup> semester \$2200 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$3220 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$2380  
4 & 5 years old  
1<sup>st</sup> semester \$2380 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$3220 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$2380  
\*A monthly installment is available.
11. Teaching materials: \$405
- 12 Facility: \$180 per family
13. School bus transportation fee:  
round trip – 1<sup>st</sup> semester \$810 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$1080 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$810  
one way – 1<sup>st</sup> semester \$475 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$640 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$475  
\*The above fees are not available to students in Manhattan. Please see the next page.
14. Tuition discount: The tuition discount is available to a family that has two or more children go to our school. The second child is given a 10% discount, and the third, a 20% discount.  
There is no PTA at school. For further information, please contact us at 201-947-4832 or 201-947-9089.

## 2009 Registration for Primary school of Japanese Children's Society, Inc.

1. Admission requirement: a) children born on between April 2, 1997 and April 1, 2003  
b) required to pass the entrance examination.
2. Academic year: April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> semester – April 1 to June 24  
2<sup>nd</sup> semester – August 17 to December 23  
3<sup>rd</sup> semester– January 5 to March 22
3. School days: Monday to Friday
4. Time table: Arrival 8:40 to 8:50  
Class 8:50 to 2:50 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)  
8:50 to 3:40 (Tuesday/Thursday)  
Departure 2:50 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)  
3:40 (Tuesday/Thursday)  
\*From April 5 to April 30, the class time of the first graders is the following: 8:50 to 12:20.
5. Holidays: summer, winter, spring vacations, and national holidays
6. Features of the Curriculum: A core academic program following:
  - a) Building on the national standardized curriculum by the Ministry of Education and Science and designed for students to equip themselves with learning skills including computer literacy and to develop their cognition.
  - b) A four level ESL program (according to students' English proficiency) covered by a non-native and native English speaking teachers with rich and broad teaching ESL experiences.
  - c) An enrichment program by a musician and artists with teaching experience in the US and Japan
7. Enrollment limit: 24  
\*Graduates from our preschool who has passed the entrance examination are given a priority to be accepted
8. Registration fee: \$50
9. Admission fee: \$900
10. Tuition: 1<sup>st</sup> period \$2380 2<sup>nd</sup> period \$3220 3<sup>rd</sup> period \$2380  
\*A monthly installment is available.
11. Teaching materials: \$210 per semester (\$630 per year)
12. Facility: \$180 per family each semester
- 13 School bus transportation fee:  
Students in NJ  
round – 1<sup>st</sup> semester \$810 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$1080 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$810 (\$2700 per year)  
one way – 1<sup>st</sup> semester \$475 2<sup>nd</sup> semester \$640 3<sup>rd</sup> semester \$475 (\$1590)

Students in Manhattan

1<sup>st</sup> semester - \$1025    2<sup>nd</sup> semester - \$1370    3<sup>rd</sup> semester - \$1025 (\$3420)

\*The above fees are for a round trip, and a one way is not available.

14. Tuition discount: The discount is given to a family who has two or more children attending our school. The second child is given a 10% discount and the third, a 20% discount.

- There is not PTA at school.
- Please note that the tuition and the fees that you have paid will not be refunded.

For further information, please call us at 201-947-4932 or 201-947-9089.

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