

Dear 2nd, 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

I am Hiromi Mead and have worked in the NSM community as a preschool teacher for eleven years. I taught children from 18 months to middle school in an authentic bilingual Montessori environment before coming to NSM. Exposure to different languages at an early age is a precious experience in life. Dr. Maria Montessori believed that young children are in the sensitive period for the development of language. Children between 6 to 9 years old crave to know more about the world surrounding them. Learning a new language fits their need to explore the world.

I will teach Japanese in Montessori ways so that students can learn the vocabulary as well as culture using Montessori materials and movement. These methods make much more sense to early learners and helps them to develop skills naturally.

This class is for those interested in learning “Nihongo” Japanese language and is appropriate for complete beginners. The beginning of the class will be a lesson on a basic everyday conversation. Japanese culture including physical geography will also be a focus of study. Students will learn how to write the original Japanese writing systems, “Hiragana” and “Katakana.” There will be an emphasis on proper pronunciation so that students can successfully communicate with other Japanese speakers.

The class will be in **room #17 on Thursdays between 3:05 and 4:05 pm**. A volunteer parent will pick up your child from his/her class after dismissal to bring them to the courtyard or preschool yard since my class ends at 3:00 pm. They can have snacks during the waiting period until class starts at 3:00 pm. Please provide a light snack for your child if you can.

The minimum enrollment for this class is eight students. If there are not enough enrollees the course will be canceled and money returned. The registration will close when attendance reaches a maximum of ten children.

Please see the class information and register online with [www.kidztopros.com](http://www.kidztopros.com).

Thank you,

Hiromi Mead  
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