

Dear 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents of NSM,

I am Hiromi Mead and I 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. In the Montessori planes of development, children aged 9 to 12 years develop passions for learning certain skills or studying specific subjects. Learning a different language could be good exposure to a new challenge and may prompt children to study in a new way.

I will teach Japanese in Montessori ways so that the students can learn the vocabulary as well as culture with materials and physical explanations which makes much more sense for them to understand.

This class is for those interested in learning “Nihongo” Japanese language and is appropriate for complete beginners. The beginning of the class will be spent on a lesson on basic everyday conversation and expressions and Japanese culture including physical geography. Students will also learn how to write the original Japanese writing systems, “Hiragana” and “Katakana”. There will be an emphasis on proper pronunciation to develop successful communication skills. As the students learn the basics, the class will move up to another level such as grammar and sentence making.

**Class will be held in room #17 on Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4:05pm.**

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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