

April 21, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's Tsuru class! This year we will again be focusing on providing the students the opportunity to reflect on their backgrounds, and how events in the past have contributed to who they are in the present.

Part of this focus will be a study of 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 the new focus will also be looking at the civil rights aspects of this difficult time.

I'm sure this sounds a little more "school-like". However, we will be doing some art activities, so please have your child bring the following items:

1. Writing Utensils (Pencils, Pens, Eraser)
2. Colored markers OR pencils OR crayons
3. Scissors
4. Gluestick
5. Something to keep these items in
6. Magazines or pictures that reflect your child's interests/personality/family history
7. Two 2-liter bottles, empty and dry (ones with straight, uniform walls please)

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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