



March 7, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's Tsuru class! While this year has presented unique challenges, our theme and focus remains the same.

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.

In regards to projects, we will only be doing two physical projects. Everything else will be done digitally. In preparation for session, I would like the students to have the following:

1. Writing Utensils
2. Notebook or Folder w/binder paper
3. School glue (liquid)
4. Scissors
5. Stapler w/staples
6. Access to two clear 2-liter bottles (ones with straight, uniform walls)
7. Access to Google apps (Docs, Slides, Classroom)

We are currently still in the planning phase of the session, and I will continue to be in touch as things come together. 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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