



April 25, 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's Tsuru class! We are happy to see you all back in person!

The Tsuru class will study 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 this new focus will also be looking at the civil rights aspects of this difficult time.

In regards to projects, we will be able to bring all of our traditional projects back. In preparation for session, I would like the students to have the following:

1. Writing Utensils
2. School glue (liquid)
3. Scissors
4. Stapler w/staples
5. Two clear 2-liter bottles (ones with straight, uniform walls)
6. Personal hand sanitizer
7. Disinfectant wipes for work surfaces
8. Taiko buckets, bachi (sticks), and soraban (abacus) from last year.

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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