

# School Life in Japan

After you watch the video, let's fill out this sheet!



## Japanese School Year Calendar

First Trimester

(一学期: Ichi gakki)

Second Trimester

(二学期: Ni gakki)

Third Trimester

(三学期: San gakki)

April May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

Spring Break  
(one week)

Summer Vacation  
(one month and half)

Winter Break  
(10 days)

Spring Break  
(one week)

School days during the year in Japan are 196 days to 205 days.

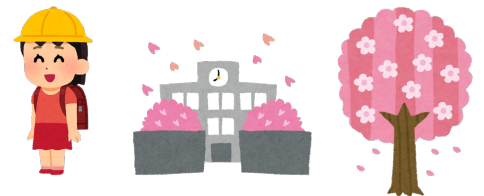
1. Write down what you think are some overall differences between American and Japanese School. (Did you find any interesting things? Did you have questions?)

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2. Which season do schools start in Japan? \_\_\_\_\_  
What flower blooms during that season in Japan? \_\_\_\_\_



3. Elementary school students have to wear a yellow hat. Why?

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4. Would you prefer wearing a school uniform or not? Why? What could be good or bad about having a school uniform?



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**Fun fact!** Even most public elementary schools in Japan don't have school uniform, they DO have exercise uniform though. When students have PE class, they change clothes to keep them clean.



5. If you had to serve food to your friends, like students in Japan have to, what do you think would be expected of you? Try to think of 2 things!

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- ② \_\_\_\_\_



6. Lunch boxes are called bento (obento お弁当) in Japanese. If you would make your own bento, what would you like to put in it? Try to think about nutrition (vegetables and protein) and colors. \_\_\_\_\_



7. If you had to clean classrooms, hallways and bathrooms what kind of cleaning tools would you use? And where would you clean with those tools?

**Cleaning Tools**

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Where would you clean with it?**

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**Culture Note -School Subjects in Elementary School-**

What subjects do you have in school? Do you know what subjects Japanese schools have? Let's take a look and compare each school's subjects!

- Japanese (こくご:Kokugo)
- Math (さんすう:Sansuu)
- Science (りか:Rika)
- Social Studies (しゃかい:Shakai)
- English (えいご:Eigo)
- Home Economics (かていか:Kateika)



- PE (たいいく:Taiiku)
- Music (おんがく:Ongaku)
- Art (ずこう:Zukou)
- Calligraphy (しょどう:Shodo)
- Morals (どうとく:Doutoku)
- Comprehensive Learning (そうごう:Sougou)



~Pick up some Subjects!~

**Home Economics かていか:Kateika**

In this class students learn how to make food. This also includes understanding each food's nutritional value. They also learn how to sew.



**Calligraphy しょどう:Shodo**

In this class students learn how to correctly write beautiful characters. This subject also helps improve concentration.



**Morals どうとく:Doutoku**

This subject is to help in gaining a better understanding of other's perspectives. In this class, students would discuss or think about "How would you feel if you were that person," through stories. Topics would be wide such as religion, bullying and manners etc.

