

# MIRAI NIHONGO GAKUIN CHILDREN'S COURSE

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

- Japanese as a foreign language program (Absolute beginner to intermediate level)
- This year we will offer 4 levels of group lessons: K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7<sup>th</sup>, Teens 1, and Teens 2.
- For pronouncing Japanese, we will use Romaji (a system of Romanized spelling used to transliterate Japanese). Therefore, it is desirable for students to have the skills to understand and read the English alphabets.
- Up to 8 students per class.
- It is first come first served, but priority will be given to current students for a certain period.
- Students must cooperate with the class activities and follow the classroom rules and teacher's directions well.
- Students are required to complete age-appropriate homework each week to increase their exposure to Japanese. Parents do not need to have any Japanese language skills or knowledge; they simply need to encourage their students to complete the homework.
- Once a month, students will have cultural activities. They can get familiar with Japanese traditional celebration and customs of the season.

### Monthly Cultural Events \* Subject to change

August 2024	Daruma - Craft a doll / Set your own goal
September 2024	Tsukimi (Moon-viewing)
October 2024	PJCI Bazaar (10/6/2024)
November 2024	Aki no Mikaku (Taste of autumn)
December 2024	Make New Year's Greeting Cards
January 2025	Kakizome (Calligraphy)
February 2025	Setsubun (Bean-throwing Festival)
March 2025	Hinamatsuri (Girl's Day)
April 2025	Sakura (cherry blossoms)
May 2025	Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) / Mother's Day

## CLASS LEVELS AND SCHEDULES

### ➤ K-3RD STUDENTS

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Students will learn basic vocabulary and simple sentences and aim to get used to Japanese language and aim to build a foundation through fun and hands-on activities, such as singing songs, crafts, and games. For writing and reading, they will aim to recognize all hiragana by the end of school year.

- 8/17/2024 to 5/31/2025 (37 days, 55.5 hours in total)
- Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am (90 minutes)
- Fully in-person sessions at the PJCI campus
- Textbooks: The instructor will provide handouts as needed.
- Material Fee of \$10 is required per student, per year.
- Students are required to practice listening, speaking, or writing Japanese for 10-15 minutes every week, as homework at home.

### ➤ 4 - 7TH STUDENTS

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Students will learn all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). For reading and writing Japanese characters, they will learn all hiragana in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, and all katakana in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

- 8/17/2024 to 5/31/2025 (37 days, 55.5 hours in total)
- Saturdays 10:45 am – 12:15 pm (90 minutes)
- Fully in-person sessions at the PJCI campus
- Main Textbook: [Japanese for Young People 1 \(Student Book\)](#) by AJALT
  - Students will study L1 to L7 in this school year and do so L8 to L15 next year.
  - The class will cover Vocabulary, Key sentences, Exercises, and Quiz mainly. Main Dialogues and Short Dialogues may be skipped as needed.
- Material Fee of \$10 is required per student, per year.

- Students are required to purchase their own textbooks. Workbooks are not required to purchase.
- Students are required to practice listening, speaking, or writing Japanese for 15-20 minutes every week, as homework at home.

## ➤ **TEENS 1 (BEGINNER-LEVEL OF TEENS, OR HIGHER LEVEL OF 4-7<sup>TH</sup> STUDENTS)**

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Students will learn all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). For reading and writing Japanese characters, they will learn all hiragana in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, and all katakana in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

- 8/17/2024 to 5/31/2025 (37 days, 55.5 hours in total)
- Saturdays 9:00 am – 10:30 am (90 minutes)
- Fully in-person sessions at the PJC campus
- Main Textbook: [Japanese for Young People 1 \(Student Book\)](#) by AJALT
  - Students will study L1 to L7 in this school year and do so L8 to L15 next year.
  - The class will cover all the content of the textbook.
- Students are required to purchase their own textbooks. Workbooks are not required to purchase.
- Material Fee of \$10 is required per student, per year.
- Students are required to practice listening, speaking, or writing Japanese for 20-25 minutes every week, as homework at home.

## ➤ **TEENS 2 (HIGHER LEVEL OF TEENS)**

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Students need to recognize most of hiragana and katakana characters when they are enrolled. They will learn all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) plus grammar, too. Aim to build a strong foundation sitting for the level of challenging the AP Japanese exam in high school within 2-3 years. For reading and writing, they will learn 36 new kanji.

- 8/17/2024 to 5/31/2025 (37 days, 55.5 hours in total)

- Saturdays 10:45 am - 12:15 pm (90 minutes)
- fully in-person sessions at the PJCI campus
- Main Textbook: [Adventures in Japanese 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Vol.1](#) by Cheng and Tsui
  - This year the class will cover L7-L12 in 2024-25 school year.
- Materials (Copies of textbook and workbook) will be provided, and therefore NO purchasing them is required.
- Material Fee of \$10 is required per student, per year.
- Students are required to practice reading and writing Japanese for 10-15 minutes every week, as homework at home.

## TUITION AND OTHER FEES

**■ 37 days, 55.5 hours in total**

Fee type	Payment Frequency	Fee(\$)	Annual total
<b>Registration Fee</b>			
New Student Enrollment	One time (when enrolled)	50	-
*PJCI Membership	Renew once a year (January), 1 payment per Household New Family: \$15 for August to December 2023	30	30
<b>Tuition (August 17, 2024 thru May 31 2025)</b>			
Annual Payment	1 time (August 2024)	830	830
Semester Payment	2 times (August 2024 & January 2025)	420	840
Monthly Payment	10 times (August 2024 thru May 2025)	86	860
<b>For Sibling(s)</b>			
Annual Payment	1 time (August 2024)	790	790
Semester Payment	2 times (August 2024 & January 2025)	400	800
Monthly Payment	10 times (August 2024 thru May 2025)	82	820

\* PJCI (Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute, the parent organization of Mirai Nihongo Gakuin)

\*Textbooks, workbooks, and other material fee: Depends on the class level, but approximately \$10 – 30 per year.

\*Please note that the monthly tuition payment will be the same even though some months have only 3 lessons. The price was determined by the following calculation:  
Regular tuition for the entire year (\$860) divided by 10 months= \$ 86

## PAYMENT METHOD OPTION

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For those paying monthly, the office will send you an electronic invoice for the following month's tuition at the end of the previous month, via email. (For example, we will send an e-invoice for September by the end of August.)

- Online payment via Stripe (Credit card, Google Pay, or Apple Pay)
- Online payment via PayPal
- Check (payable to Mirai Nihongo Gakuin)
- Cash

## REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

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To cancel or withdraw from classes, please make **a written request to our office** via email: [mirai.nihongo.gakuin@gmail.com](mailto:mirai.nihongo.gakuin@gmail.com) or a letter.

- 1) New student enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- 2) Tuition fee will be 100% refunded upon notice received up to 1 day before the first day of the class.
- 3) For monthly payment, no refund will be given after the classes start.
- 4) For the semester or annual payment, unused payment will be refunded upon notice received up to 14 days before the next month starts. Some exceptions may be applied for extenuating circumstances.
- 5) We do not offer make-ups, refunds, or credits for group lesson participants when absent.