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Yokoso! (Welcome!) What a great decision you have made a decision to study Japanese! I know we are going to have a great time together. I come to you with enthusiasm and deep passion for what I do: teaching Japanese. This course expectation is to provide you with all the important you need to be successful in Japanese 1. Therefore, it is very important for you to read and understand this thoroughly.

Course description
This course is the first semester of first year Japanese. The goal of the course is to develop proficiency in the four language skills, listening, speaking, reading, and writing in topic of yourself, family and school life. You will learn many cultural aspects as well.

Class room rules
1. Respect and be nice each other
   (Minna ni sinsetsuni shimasu. みんなにしんせつにします。)
2. Listen carefully and pay attention
   (YOKU kikimasu. よくききます。)
3. Be responsible  （Sekinin o mochimasu. せきにんをもちます。）
4. Do your best  （Ganbarimasu. がんぱります。）
5. Speak in Japanese  （Nihongo dake hanashimasu. にほんごだけはなします。）

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1. Food (including gum) and drinks (except water)
2. Electronic devices including computer, iPod, and phone usage during the class(See student handbook)
3. Academic Code of Conduct (See student handbook)
4. Tardy (see student handbook)
5. Inappropriate dress/language, disrespect, defiance, unexcused talking during class  （See student handbook）

Textbook
Adventures in Japanese 1: Textbook
Textbook will be checked out from library. You must cover your textbook and bring it every day. You may not write in the textbook. Textbook needs to be returned in good condition. Fines will be assessed for damaged/lost textbook.
Bring to the class
1. 3-ringed binder and paper to take note only for Japanese class
2. Current assignments and handouts distributed in class
3. Blank index cards (to make vocabulary flashcards)
4. Current vocabulary flashcards
5. pen/pencil and a red pen
6. Dry erase marker and clear sheet for character practice.
7. Positive attitude!

Grading
Your grade depends on your effort and commitment. Your grade will be based on the following:

25%: Homework
25%: Participation
25%: Classroom Assignment (e.g. Do-nows, worksheet practice, oral practice in class)
25%: Exams (quizzes, tests, midterm and finals, projects)

100%-90%=A    89%-80%=B    79%-70%=C    69%-60%=D    59%-0%= F

*Your grade won’t be round up. For example, 89.9% is B+.
You must have a C or better to the next level.

Class Participation
Classroom participation is part of your very important responsibilities. Since it is the only place for most of you to immerse in Japanese language, you must listen carefully, actively participate, and stay on task. You may earn up to 50 points a week (maximum 10 points daily). The following may be subject to point(s) deduction:
1. tardy
2. not actively participating during class
3. Not bringing materials (pencil, paper, etc.)
4. Working on other classes’ assignment and/or being off task
5. Speaking in English and unnecessary talking
6. eating, drinking (except water), and chewing gum
7. Leaving classroom for any reason
8. not following the rules
9. Not doing your best

I reserve the right to give any appropriate consequence depends upon the violation.
*If you wish to make up participation points due to your excused absence, you may complete “Japan Search” within a week from your absent. The form is posted in Edomodo.

Learning vocabulary
Every time, when new vocabularies were introduced, you need to make flashcards. Please bring blank index cards to the class everyday. You also need to bring current flashcards to the class. Please use the flashcards as often as possible to enhance your vocabulary skills.
**Homework, Test, and assignment**
It is your responsibility!! Keep the due date. Teacher will walk around to check your work while you work on your warm up. If you show teacher at the end of the class period, it will be considered late and marked down by 50% of the total points.

**Late work is accepted for 50% when ONLY accompanied with a current assignment within a week, 30% thereafter.**
Always write your name and assigned date on your homework. No name = No points.

**If you were absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed!**

**Computing in Japanese**
Please install Japanese font. They are already in your computer, but not activated. It will be great practice for students to start learning typing in Japanese.
Link on how to install Asian language support: see Edmodo

**Tutoring**
Lunch time and after school.

**Japanese National Honor Society**
JFK HS Japanese is a proud member of National Honor Society. To be a member, you must take at least 2 years of Japanese and maintain 3.0 overall GPA and 3.5 Japanese GPA. You also need to take Japanese in your senior year. It is a great way to get recognized of your hard work to learn Japanese.

**Sister-school homestay program in Matsuyama, Japan.**
You may have a chance to participate in this exchange program. This program is supported by sister city, Matsuyama, Japan, and it’s a wonderful opportunity. Tentatively in 2017, we are going there for 2 week during the summer. The details will be announced later.
PLEASE read the course expectation carefully. It is very important for both parent and student read and understand the expectations in the Japanese class. After you read it, please sign below, then return this form to the teacher by 8/22(Monday). If you don’t have access to internet or need a hard copy of the course expectation, please let me know as soon as possible. I will provide a copy for you.

Student’s name: ____________________   Class_________Period ________
Student ID #:________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________
Your parents'/guardian’s signature ___________________________, Date:____________

Any comments or message: