



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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Japan in a Suitcase III (Grades 4 & 5)

**Teaching students about “Different Perspectives” by looking
at Japanese community**

About JASH

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with a mission of "promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and the United States through the special and unique perspective of Hawaii." We do this by providing programs, which help to expand knowledge, increase meaningful human contact and facilitate discussion of important issues.

Program Overview

Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. It is one of seven JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned with the Hawaii Department of Education's Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. One of the goals of JIAS is to nurture students' sense of inquisitiveness and help them learn to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. We want them to develop their thinking skills so they can become better decision-makers and risk-takers. We believe teaching these things at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures, and help develop them into our future leaders and global citizens.

Japan in a Suitcase III

Japan in a Suitcase is divided into JIAS I, II and III based on grade level. For students in grades 4 and 5, JIAS III uses more complex examples to teach and reinforce the concept of different perspectives learned in K-3. Following introductions and greetings, we compare Japan-centered and a U.S.-centered world maps to show that people see or depict things differently depending on where they are from. Students then have an opportunity to explore various school items (calligraphy set, P.E. uniforms and more) in small groups. Following this exploration period, each group presents their items to the class for further discussion. We end with a slideshow on school life in Japan, which helps to reinforce what they just have learned.

JIAS III Guidelines

- Please read these guidelines and the presentation information on the following page carefully.
- Fill out and sign the request form and mail or fax it to the JASH office. Phone calls/emails will not be accepted as official requests.
- Visits are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis, however priority may be given to first time schools.
- We will work with you to try to accommodate your schedule, but please note that large request numbers and JASH events may not make this possible.
- Your presentation date will not be considered final and scheduled until you receive notification from JASH.



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Teaching students about “Different Perspectives”
through the life of Japanese elementary school children

Presentation Request Form

Please mail or fax form by August 31, 2011 to:

Japan-America Society of Hawaii
P.O. Box 1412 Honolulu, Hawaii 96806-1412
Phone: 524-4450 Fax: 524-4451
Email: kmitchell@jashawaii.org

- Free to all schools
- Length: 60 minutes
- Maximum class size: 30 students
- Start time: No earlier than 8:30 a.m.
(For schools outside the Honolulu area the earliest start time is 9:00 am)
- Divide students into five groups
- Maximum 3 presentations per school each day
- Required supplies: Screen to project a slideshow
 - 2 tables
 - Wall space for 2 large maps

Teacher must remain in classroom during presentation

(All information requested below is required)

School name _____

School address _____ City/Zip _____

Contact teacher (name & room #) _____

Other teachers (names & room #s) _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Email address _____

Requested date and time (subject to availability):

[1st choice] Date _____ Time _____ - _____ Number of presentations _____

[2nd choice] Date _____ Time _____ - _____ Number of presentations _____

Grade _____ Number of students per class _____ Total number of classes _____

Additional information:

I have read and understand the information and guidelines for Japan in a Suitcase III.

Contact teacher's signature _____ Date _____