

Melding Games with Empathy

Learning About Japanese New Year Segment documents

Question for this segment: What are the characteristics of interacting with others with curiosity and non-judgment?

Overview of Japanese New Year

1. Kahoot quiz asking about typical activities for the Japanese New Year.
2. Reading Children's books about the Japanese New Year to get an overview of the activities.

The books that will be used are:

(In English)

Setsuko Broderick and Willamarie Moore, *Japanese Traditions: Rice Cakes, Cherry Blossoms and Matsuri* (Tuttle Publishing, Tokyo, 2010)

Tokie Ching, *A Hawai'i Japanese New Year with Yuki-chan* (Mutual Publishing, Honolulu, HI, 2003)

(In Japanese)

Hiroataka Nakagawa, *Akemashite Omedetou* (Doshinsha, Tokyo, 2003)

Hiroshi Kagakui, *Mochi no Kimochi* (Kodansha, Tokyo, 2005)

Shigeo Nishimura, *Mou Sugu Oshougatsu* (Fukuinkan, Tokyo, 2010)

3. Japanese III students and ELD students take survey on Japanese New Year practices.

The Survey is on the next two pages.

Survey of Practices on During the New Year's Holiday

Age: _____

Nationality: ☐ Japan ☐ U.S. Nikkeijin ☐ U.S. ☐ Other

I. Do you do this?

Check the degree with which you are familiar with the practice

(1 = not familiar at all, 3 = somewhat familiar, 5 = very familiar).

Then indicate the likelihood that you will do this activity (or that this activity will be done in your immediate household) during the New Year season

(1 = not at all, 3 = somewhat likely, 5 = very likely)

[illegible]

S. はねつきをする(play hanetsuki)											
T. はつもうでに出かける(go to the shrine)											
U. おさいせんをなげる(throw donations at the shrine)											
V. 紅白うたがっせんを見る(watch kohaku uta gassen)											
W. 書き初めをする(write calligraphy)											
X. だるまで目の色をぬる(paint the Daruma's eye)											
Y. こまであそぶ(play with koma)											

II. Check the foods that you would likely eat during the New Year's holidays. Add any foods you would likely eat that are not listed.

___だいこん	___もち
___ごぼ	___にしめ
___はす	___さしみ
___ほしがき	___そば
___かまぼこ	___すし
___かんぴょ	___たい
___かずのこ	___たけのこ
___こんぶまき	___うなぎ
___くろまめ	___れんこん

Other foods you would likely eat relating to the Japanese New Year's holidays.

III. List below any activity that you regularly participate in relating to Japanese New Year that is not included above.

4. Japanese III students look over the results of the survey, and prepare questions to ask the ELD students. They will ask the students about their personal practices during the New Year, and will also ask about the ELD students' interpretation of "omoiyari".