

# 'Children's Education: What Parents of Elementary School Children Can Do at Home'

Foreign Residents' Child Support Group

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How are you, everyone? Let's think about this together.

## ① Language



When children leave the house, they lead their daily lives entirely in Japanese. At home, speak in your own language and make sure your children don't forget the language. Children are also studying their own native language.

You can tell your children important things in your own language.

When you return to your home country, your children can talk to your relatives and friends.

Children can learn the culture in which their parents were raised.

Knowing two languages and cultures is like holding two bags.



When remembering new words, it is important to know the concept behind them.

Knowing the concept of a word in your native

language makes the Japanese easier to

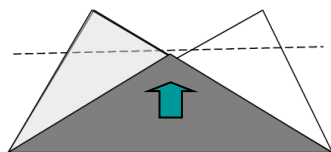
understand

Native language

Japanese

hot ⇔ cold

あつい⇔さむい



Word concept

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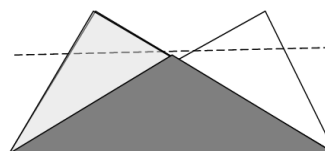
**know the concept behind the word.**

Native language

Japanese

**flower**

**はな**



plants

sucks up water from the root

pretty colours

nice smell

insects pollenate it

creates seeds and fruit

## ② An Orderly Lifestyle

School teachers tell students to lead an orderly lifestyle.

Now is the time to raise your child to have a healthy body and mind.

In particular, children who feel stress outside the home can go to school happily the next day if they can come home and eat dinner with their family happily, sleep well and rest their mind and body.

Listening to what their parents teach them in everyday life, children trust their parents and can try new things.

## ③ Homework and Studying at Home

There are two kinds of Japanese.

### Japanese Used in Everyday Life

Japanese used when listening to teachers and friends and when expressing their own feelings.

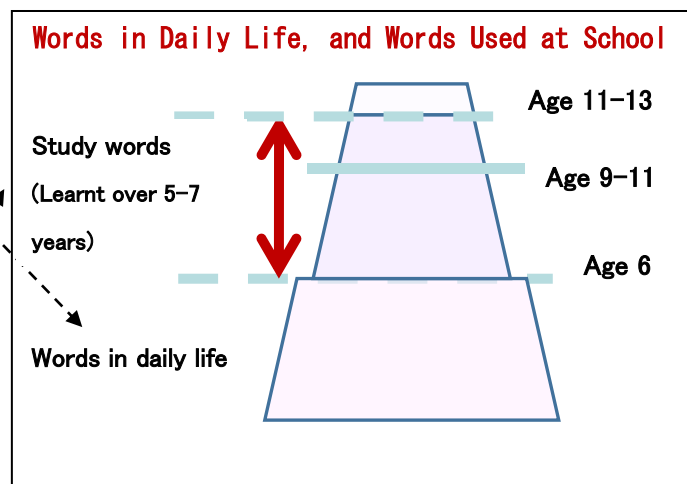
### Japanese Used in School Studies

Japanese used when studying Japanese, arithmetic, sociology, science etc.

At primary and middle schools children read textbooks, think and write to remember information.

This is why there is kanji practice and textbook reading in children's homework.

Make sure your children study a little bit everyday at home.



From the point when children begin studying Japanese until they can understand their teacher's well, takes anywhere from 1 to 2 years. Of course children are trying their best at this time. Please be sure that all caregivers are giving the child plenty of praise. Please also be sure to talk with children about world news, the importance of peace, environmental issues and other things which may be important to your child on a frequent or daily basis.

#### ④ There are Notices from Schools Everyday

In these notices, the school schedule and what should be done in preparation is written.

When you don't understand, it is good to have a friend near your home who can read the notice for you and tell you the information.

#### ⑤ In the Evening, Make Sure Children Prepare for the Next Day of School by Themselves

There are many things children must take to school.

Be sure to put any textbooks and other things necessary for the next day into your child's school bag before going to bed.

When there are no school lunches, children should take a packed lunch to school.

It's best to prepare the evening before said days.



#### ⑥ Do You Intend to Go back to Your Home Country?

If your child can read and write in your native language, then they will be able to study right away if you go back to your home country.