



JAPANESE Newsletter June 2023

Dear Students and Families,

Konnichiwa! (Hello!)

From the beginning of June, the rainy season (tsuyu, 梅雨) visits most parts of Japan. While it does not rain every day, the weather tends to be overcast and dreary.

The early summer rain has many positive aspects, of course. It helps plants grow and flourish, and it's a valuable source of drinking water. Also humid weather is a big plus in making certain foods, such as miso (bean paste for miso soup), soy sauce, and sake, which are important parts of the Japanese diet.

There is "Chi-Chi-no-Hi"(Father's day) on 6/21 in Japan.

In June, this is from a one year review, we will focus on the "Nature / Bugs" theme.

Ogenkide! (Have a nice day!)

Sincerely,
Ms. Akane

Nature/bugs	pronunciation	English
うみ(海)	u-mi	sea
やま(山)	ya-ma	mountain
かわ(川)	ka-wa	river
き(木)	ki	tree
いけ(池)	i-ke	pond
はな(花)	ha-na	flower
はっぱ(葉っぱ)	ha-ppa	leaf
こうよう(紅葉)	ko-u-yo-u	autumn leaf
どんぐり	do-n-gu-ri	acorn
むし(虫)	mu-shi	bug/ bugs
ちょう(蝶)	chou	butterfly

Japanese Fun Fact



This is a Japanese Kanji, 雨 which means, Rain. In Japanese, "Ame".
The picture shows that, how the kanji developed like the rain drops from the clouds.

(Kanji are the adopted logographic Chinese characters (*hanzi*) that are used in the modern Japanese writing system along with hiragana and katakana)

Basic Japanese cursive syllabary (Japanese alphabet) -- Pronunciation

あ	い	う	え	お	a	i	u	e	o
か	き	く	け	こ	ka	ki	ku	ke	ko
さ	し	す	せ	そ	sa	shi	su	se	so
た	ち	つ	て	と	ta	ti	tu	te	to
な	に	ぬ	ね	の	na	ni	nu	ne	no
は	ひ	ふ	へ	ほ	ha	hi	hu	he	ho
ま	み	む	め	も	ma	mi	mu	me	mo
や		ゆ		よ	ya	yu		yo	
ら	り	る	れ	ろ	ra	ri	ru	re	ro
わ		を		ん	wa	wo		n	

