

Teacher: _____

Date Assigned: _____

Subject Class: _____

Due Date: _____

“Letter to My Penpal” (ペンパルへの手紙 [てがみ]) (Unit 7)

Project Description:

Letter to a Penpal

- a) Write a letter entirely in Japanese using vocabulary and sentence structures from Unit 7 as well as from previous units.
- b) Write the same letter in English (so that your Japanese penpal can practice reading in English).
- c) Include at least one other item (photo, postcards, souvenir, CD, etc.) that your penpal will enjoy.

Objectives: (*You should be able to...*)

- Express information about yourself based on Unit 7 aims: e.g. time you get up, go to school, return home, go to bed, etc. how you get to school, things you do on different days, a recent holiday, special vacation and weekend activities and places to go.
- Ask your penpal similar questions about his/her daily, weekly and special activities.
- Depending on whether you are introducing yourself to a new penpal or writing to a familiar penpal, also talk and ask about some of the following: hobbies, interests, abilities, likes and dislikes (food, school, etc.), family, childhood, personal traits (appearance, personality).
- Of course, include the date, appropriate greetings and small talk.
- Write in Japanese – hiragana, katakana and kanji. Do not use hiragana if we studied the kanji form of the word..
- Roomaji (romanized spellings) must not be used!
- Use standard English language conventions. (check: grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation)
- Demonstrate awareness of Japanese culture by using appropriate terms and formalities as needed.
- Read your letter aloud. (Possible extra-credit for project. Required for portfolio presentation.)

New York State Performance Standards Addressed:

- Students will be able to use a language other than English for communication.
- Students will develop cross-cultural skills and understandings.

Guidelines:

- Japanese - 100 word minimum. Organize sentences for a natural-sounding, conversational flow.
- Text - may be typed, word processed or handwritten.
Handwritten work must be in pen, **very** neatly printed and easily legible. NO pencil! NO script!

Points Required Written Work/Materials

- 10 First Draft/Planning in English - Corrected classwork/HW assignment (submit with project)
- 20First Draft/Planning in Japanese - Corrected classwork/HW assignment (submit with project)
- 20 Finished Letter in English (or photocopy - original should go to your penpal)
- 40Finished Letter in Japanese (or photocopy - original should go to your penpal)
- 10Souvenir or other item (or photocopy - original should go to your penpal)