

Going to school on Saturday is not easy! Erica's Pep Talk...

Learning Japanese takes commitment. It will not happen in one semester! Here are some things to remember...

Treat learning Japanese like any other activity you and your child are committed to. Explain to them, "You're a good soccer player because you attend all the practices. You're good at piano because you practice 30 minutes a day. You're an excellent swimmer because you've been on a team for 5 years."

Set short-term and long-term goals. "This week I will learn five new kanji. In two years I will be able to read a manga in Japanese. In four years I will be able to speak to someone entirely in Japanese."

Taking the same class for more than one semester is okay! Actually, it is quite common. We all learn at a different pace and much of it depends on how much time you have to put into studying outside of school.

Be a part of our Japanese community! The more you participate as a family in cultural events and the more interest you show in your child's learning the more willing they will be to stay committed.

- II Stay for snack/recess duty.
- II Make onigiri for snack time.
- II Sign up for an event committee, to show you are interested in spending time learning about Japanese culture with your child.
- II Volunteer to watch the class during a Teacher Observation day.
- II Attend the cultural events and stay for the entire event.
- II Don't just drop off and pick up. Come in to the school and talk to other parents.

Going to school on Saturday is fun!