



# JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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## Japan in a Suitcase I (K, 1)

Teaching students about “Different Perspectives” through  
the school life of Japanese elementary school children

### About JASH

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with a mission of "promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and the United States through the special and unique perspective of Hawaii." We do this by providing programs that help to expand knowledge, increase meaningful human contact and facilitate discussion of important issues.

### Program Overview

Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) is a free program offered to Elementary Schools in Hawaii. It is divided into JIAS I, II and III based on grade level. It is one of seven JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned with the Hawaii Department of Education's Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. One of the goals of JIAS is to nurture students' sense of inquisitiveness and help them learn to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. We want them to develop their thinking skills so they can become better decision-makers and risk-takers. We believe teaching these things at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures, and help develop them into our future leaders and global citizens.

### Japan in a Suitcase I

JIAS I is designed to teach the concept of different perspectives to students in kindergarten and grade 1 through easy-to-understand examples. We begin by teaching students simple Japanese greetings. Next we show enlarged photos of roads in Japan and the U.S. with people driving on opposite sides of the street as an example of something that is done differently in a different place. We then use puppets to demonstrate animal sounds in different countries, and teach various gestures used in Japan. Following these examples, we explore items in the suitcase with the students. Included are artifacts used by Japanese Elementary School children, such as a school backpack (*randoseru*), indoor shoes (*uwabaki*), and textbooks (*kyoukashou*). We end by teaching the students the song “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” in Japanese.

### JIAS I Guidelines

- Please read these guidelines and the presentation information on the following page carefully.
- Fill out and sign the request form and mail or fax it to the JASH office. Phone calls/emails will not be accepted as official requests.
- Visits are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis; however priority may be given to first time schools.
- We will try our best to accommodate your selected dates and schedule, but due to the large number of requests and other JASH events, presentation dates are subject to availability.
- Your presentation will not be considered final and scheduled until you receive notification from JASH.



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**Presentation Request Form**

*Please mail or fax form by August 16, 2016 to:*

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- Free to all schools
  - Length: 40 minutes
  - Maximum class size: 30 students
  - Start time: No earlier than 8:30 a.m.
  - Maximum 3 presentations per school each day
  - Required supplies:
    - 1 table to put suitcase on
    - CD player
- (For schools outside the Honolulu area the earliest start time is 9:00 a.m.)

**Teachers must remain in classroom during presentation**

**(All information requested below is required)**

**School name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact teacher (name & room #)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other teachers (names & room #s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested date and time (subject to availability):**

[1<sup>st</sup> choice] **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of presentations** \_\_\_\_\_

[2<sup>nd</sup> choice] **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of presentations** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of students per class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total number of classes** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information:**

I have read and understand the information and guidelines for Japan in a Suitcase I.

**Contact teacher's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_