



MEET YOUR TEACHERS!



Nancy Imamura

Nancy Imamura has been a teacher at Yujin Gakuen Japanese Immersion Elementary School since 1989. Previously she taught for a year and a half in Los Angeles, CA, four and a half years in Bloomington, IN and a year in Charlottesville, VA. She also taught for a few months in a school district near Los Alamos, NM. This year will be her 34th year in the teaching profession.

Nancy Sensei is married to James, a Professor of Physics at the University of Oregon Institute of Theoretical Science. James is a professional Astrophysicist, who does research on Star Formation. She has two sons, ages 29 and 27 who live in Los Angeles and Eugene. They both attended Yujin Gakuen.

Nancy Sensei has made 15 trips to Japan. Renting an apartment and living a month in Kobe, Japan during the summers gives Nancy Sensei an up-close look at Japanese culture, food, and society. This past summer she also visited Tokyo, Kamakura, Kyoto, Arashiyama and Osaka.

We look forward to working with our new first grade YG families. Thank you in advance for your support. よろしくおねがいします。

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Sayaka Chesterman

Welcome to 1st grade Japanese!

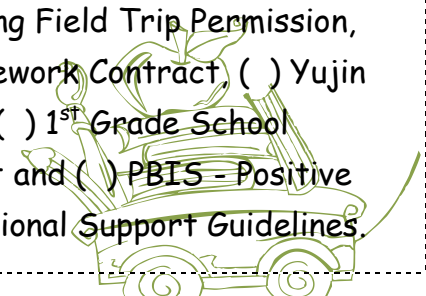
This is Sayaka Sensei's seventh year teaching first grade at YG. She was born and raised in Yokohama city, Japan. She loves and enjoys eating Japanese food, especially Soba noodles and Sashimi. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, hiking, and skiing. She is looking forward to working and learning with the 1st graders!

友人学園、一年生かぼちゃ組担任のチェスターマン さやかです。今年も、新一年生に負けないくらい元気一杯に過ごしたいと思っております。一年間どうぞ宜しくお願い致します。

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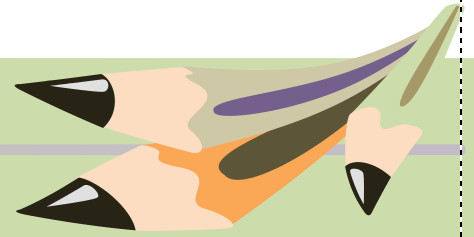
Jan Kelly (Mrs. Kelly)

Jan Kelly has started her 22nd year at Yujin Gakuen by moving from third grade to teach first grade math this year. Since math is one of Mrs. Kelly's favorite subjects, she is very excited to be spending the morning with our first graders. She has two grown children, Ben and Rita. Ben lives in Hilo, Hawaii with his wife and Mrs. Kelly's grandson Silas. Rita attends Western Oregon University and is studying sign language interpreting. Mrs. Kelly was born in Seattle and has lived in Eugene for 35 years.



Monica Vanderbush

Monica is the bilingual educational assistant for first grade. She graduated from the U of O in June of 2013 with degrees in Psychology and Japanese. She was offered this wonderful position at Yujin Gakuen last March, and is excited to be back for another year. Monica will also be running the YMCA before-school program for Yujin Gakuen and Corridor this year. She is ready to start the day bright and early with everyone!



Jeanne Mandrapa

Jeanne Sensei is our Japanese Instructional Assistant this year. She also works with new students in a small group multi-aged setting in the IMC, or Instructional Materials Center. After school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jeanne Sensei is our Homework Club Supervisor for both Yujin Gakuen and Corridor students. YG students will also see Jeanne Sensei supervising during recess. She is a very important member of our first grade team.



THANK YOU INTERNS FROM TOKYO WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY!

In our first grade classes, you will see Namiko, Kasumi and Mayu Sensei helping us this month. They are hosted by the Pierce Family (Aiden 1st), Rogers Family (Anna 2nd, Macy K) and Travis Family (Tori 2nd) families respectively. The Japanese interns have been an integral part of getting our classrooms ready for you this past week. If you have a guest bedroom and are interested in being a host family in the future, we have a second cohort of interns coming towards the end of January. Please contact Nami Brown (Andy - 1) and let her know of your interest.

