

# Yearly events

Goal: \*for students to know Japanese yearly events

\*for students to do origami

Target: elementary school

Time limit: 40 min

Implements: a ton of origami, glues, scissors, straws, stapler

Method: 1 explain Japanese yearly events with pictures and some works made  
of origami

2 have students do origami

3 have them remark together about today's lesson

Specific: 1 (time 10min)

\*show pictures of yearly events

for example New years' day, The doll's festival, The boy's festival,  
The star festival

\*show some works made of origami

ohinasama (a doll for the festival 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.)

kabuto and koinobori(armor and carp-shaped streamer)

tanabatakazari (ornamentation for the star festival)

2 (time 25 min)

\*have students make something with origami

(depends on grade)

3 (time 5min)

have time for question and answer

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## Detail

time	teacher	students	implements
10min	<b>INTRODUCE</b> Please hand round and look at these pictures  Please look at these works made of origami  Do you have any questions?	ask me questions while looking at pictures and works	some pictures of myself at events  works ohinasama kabuto koinobori tanabata kazari  explanation #1
25min	<b>HANDICRAFT</b> Let's try to make this! explanation #2	do origami at the same time	origami (depend on grade) scissors, glue, straws
5min	<b>TALK TOGETHER</b> How was today's lesson?  These are presents for you from my students in Japan.	talk about today's lesson	works presented from my students

- #1 \* The hinamatsuri is held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to wish for girls' sound growth And happy marriages. Long ago, parents of wealthy families bought a set of hina-ningyo for their daughters when they got married.
- \*The boy's festival held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Families with sons fly carp streamers high up on a pole or display gogatsu-ningyo(samurai dolls in armor). Carp, armor, iris leaves, oak trees and bamboo are all said to symbolize strength.
- \*Tanabata's origin is the Chinese star festival which was introduced to Japan in 8<sup>th</sup> century. It comes from a Chinese legend in which hikoboshi(Altair)the herdsman, and orihime (Vega),the weaver are allowed to meet only once a year on the night of july 7<sup>th</sup>.

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#2 Origami is folding up various shapes without using paste or scissors.  
I'll show you how to fold [doll, samurai helmet, pumpkin].

Doll:

Samurai helmet: Make a triangle.

Back to a smaller square

Fold up to each symbol.

Fold back a little like this.

Fold up the facing flap.

Fold the same flap again.

Fold the other flap inside.

Pumpkin:

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