

JAPANESE PEOPLE WEAR SPECIAL CLOTHING THAT CELEBRATES THEIR CULTURE

Objective: Children will identify types of traditional Japanese clothing

Materials:

- Kimono (If actual articles of clothing are not available display pictures)
- Obi
- Hakama
- Geta
- Fans

Motivation: Have children describe the kind of clothing they wear on special occasions.

Development:

Explain to children that children from Japan enjoy dressing up in traditional Japanese clothing on special holidays, like New Year's Day, Children's Day and 3-5-7 Day. These types of clothes have been worn for hundreds of years in Japan.

Display either pictures of children wearing traditional Japanese clothes or the actual clothing. Discuss what it looks like and how it is different from what children in the United States usually wear.

Discuss why Japanese children still wear clothes that were worn hundreds and hundreds of years ago.

Have children tell what they like about the clothing and why they think they would enjoy wearing Japanese clothing.