



# Overseas Family School

## Mother Tongue Japanese



### Japanese Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015

日本語母語クラス2015年8月より開講

- Our rich Mother Tongue program underwent a major expansion from August 2015. We offer Mother Tongue classes in 15 different languages, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.
- **Japanese Mother Tongue is offered from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.**
- Mother Tongue program is integrated into the curriculum and **does not involve an extra fee.**

Languages offered are:

Danish	Dutch	Finnish	French	German
Hebrew	Italian	<b>Japanese</b>	Korean	Mandarin
Norwegian	Portuguese	Russian	Spanish	Swedish

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- a Cambridge International School, UK
- accredited for K-12 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (01/09/2023–31/08/2027)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/08/2024–20/08/2028)]

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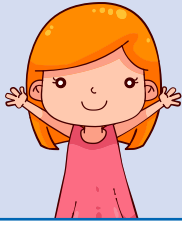
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# Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



## What is it?

This refers to the first language a child learns at home.

## Why is Mother Tongue important?

It is in the dominant language that higher level thinking takes place. This is especially pronounced in very young children. It will also benefit children in education back in their home country, should they return, as they will be competent in oral, written and grammar skills.



## How is it done?

This program is well resourced:

- Four sessions per week, in Kindergarten (from Pre-K2), Elementary and Middle School.
- Integrated into the academic programs.
- All features of any other subject, i.e. assessment, homework, reporting, etc.
- Focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking and culture. Courses include literature in the Mother Tongue.
- Is an additional choice for parents, **instead of** foreign language study.
- **No additional fee involved.**

## Who are the teachers?

Our Mother Tongue teachers are native speakers of the language, with teacher training and degree earned in the home country. They are qualified to teach in the home country and also fluent in English.



*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart".*

**Nelson Mandela**



## Mother Tongue Japanese

イリノイ大学大学院教育研究科にて修士号を取得後、博士課程にて東南アジアの国際学校における母語学習の重要性についての研究に取り組んでいる。国際バカロレア (IB) 認定訪問リーダー、IBプログラムリーダー、および学校評価リーダー、IBワークショップリーダー、DP及びMYP試験官を務め、IBに関する広範な知見を母語プログラムの改良に生かす。日本において国際学校や私立小中学校で幅広い児童生徒層を指導。来星後も他の国際学校にて教鞭を執り、海外で学ぶ幼稚園から高校までの児童生徒に必要な国語力の育成に携わる。本校ではこれまで幼稚園から高校まで幅広い学年を担当し、コミュニケーションスキル、協働スキル、創造スキル、及び、批判的思考等、児童生徒にとって将来必修となるスキルの養成を日本語母語プログラムの目標の一つに据えながら、プログラム内容の充実に向け日々研鑽を積んでいる。またユネスコグローバル スクール アドボケイトとしても活躍している。



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