

## YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND YOU



## Be Prepared!

- Almost all of you will make visits to an Elementary School.
- These will be very different from your JHS.
- Boy Scout Motto!



## Tips for your visits.

- Wash your hands!!!...Often!
- Kids say the darndest things.
- Learn some Japanese playground games.
- Don't set your hopes too high.

## Don't Show Your Fear!

- Elementary visits don't have to be Unpleasant
- Just make sure you bring plenty of tricks



## Discipline

- Is dead



## It's Different for Everyone

- Elementary Education can be divided into 2 sections.
- Grades 1-4
- Grades 5-6

## Put the A\$\$ in Assistance

- The levels of assistance varies by city budget.
- Some of you may work with a fixed curriculum and an English coherent teacher.
- Some of you may depend on a part time translator to mediate between you and the school
- And still others of you may be flying blind.

## Grades 1 through 4

- This is the most challenging but also the most rewarding.
- In most cases you will design and implement your own lessons, so here is your time to shine.
- In some schools there is a curriculum to follow but if not you are left to your own devices.

## Grades 5 and 6

- In some cases you will be following a school designed curriculum for 5&6 grade education.
- But ...in most cases you will use Eigo Noto
- This is Eigo Noto's maiden voyage, and you all will be the first to use it.

## Your Eigo Noto and You!



## What You Should Know

- EIGO NOTO is an Elementary English program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, designed by the Ministry of Education (MEXT)
- It's designed as a guide to teaching English for HR teachers.



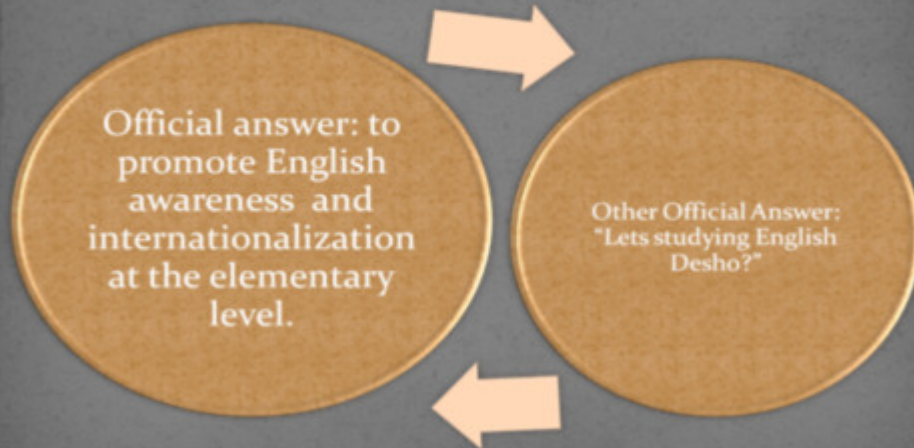
- It is not mandatory, but it is!

...as a MEXT publication, its use is voluntary, but many schools have adopted it as doctrine.

## And what about this guy?



## Implementation



## The GOOD the BAD and the UGLY

### GOOD

- It's Colorful
- It Provides structure
- Children like the pictures
- Good group activities
- Gives ALT and HR common ground to teach from.



### BAD

- The English feels awkward
- Lack of English in many cases.
- The lessons are either too easy or too hard
- The book is awkward and difficult to use.

## The Idea.

Change Leadership roles:  
The "Idea" is for a gradual shift that will leave the homeroom teachers as the primary English educator who creates and executes the lessons.

This may explain your feeling of paranoia, they *really* are watching you, but only to learn from you.



For now, this is causing some discomfort and friction between the ALT and HR.

## How it affects you:

- Side effects may include nausea, dizziness and lack of coordination. (you're not alone)
- You may feel like a lab-rat constantly under public scrutiny. (that's normal too)
- You are laying the foundation for the new English education program at your ES.

## How it affects “Them”

- Your 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers may become more attentive in the classroom.
- The text was designed to be taught by the Homeroom teacher, using the ALT as the ASSISTANT Language Teacher, not the primary teacher.
- Having said that, most of your homeroom teachers haven't studied English since they had an ALT, so be nice to them.

## Change We Can Believe In.

Your responsibilities at your ES may change over the year as “hopefully” your HR will become more comfortable. Because this year is a transition year between who the English provider is, in many cases your HRs are not ready to take the reigns.

## Huston, We have a problem...

- You may find your HR reluctant to participate in English lessons.
- They may be shy with their use of English.
- They may give the students the wrong directions if they misunderstand you.
- They may have a negative impact on the class.
- Teething Problems

## Please be Patient!

You will have to hold their hand and guide them through these rough times.

And help them help you...

Please be understanding if they are trying.

## How can you help them?



## If you're still confused theres help!

[www.kairyudo.co.jp](http://www.kairyudo.co.jp)

You can download a pdf file listing the grammar points of each section of Eigo Noto as well as English translations of the lessons.

[www.nes-english.com](http://www.nes-english.com)

Great flashcards to supplement the word list in Eigo Noto.

[www.genkienglish.net/eigonote](http://www.genkienglish.net/eigonote)

Has a section dedicated to teaching Eigo Noto.

Also has a dedicated curriculum for grades 1-4.

If all else fails...Just ask...Use those communication lines

## Resources:

- [www.nes-english.com](http://www.nes-english.com)
- [www.genkienglish.net](http://www.genkienglish.net)
- [www.narahodo-eigo.com](http://www.narahodo-eigo.com)
- [www.eigonote.blogspot.com](http://www.eigonote.blogspot.com)
- [www.kairyudo.co.jp](http://www.kairyudo.co.jp)
- [www.gunmaet.net](http://www.gunmaet.net)

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