

Dear JMP Parents,

“Yookoso!” (“Welcome!”) to the Japanese immersion program at Mt. Tabor Middle School. We are looking forward to working with your student this year.

Starting this year, we would like to add a new component called “Language Management” to evaluate our students’ progress. Our goal is to encourage our students to speak more in Japanese in class, and we need your support. Please read an attached article and discuss the content. In addition, review the syllabus with your student.

Language Management will be assessed in each grading period using rubrics you can find in the syllabus. Please feel free to write a comment below. We would appreciate your input.

パート①次の英語の読み物を読みましょう。

How to enjoy Language Learning more by being lousy at it

The Growth Mindset

Article from <https://www.fluentlanguage.co.uk/blog/growth-mindset-language-learning>

Today I came across a really great graphic illustrating the growth mindset (previously discussed in [episode 9 of the podcast](#)), which is such a helpful way for language learners and strivers of any kind to treat perfectionism and become ongoing learners. Adopting a growth mindset has been proven to contribute to both learning success and happiness in [scientific studies](#). In fact, it is absolutely invaluable for adult learners because it does away with this nonsensical myth of talent.

Here's the amazing core message:

Learn to enjoy being lousy.

That is all. Mind blown?

Online Perfection

When you admire people's well-prepared Youtube videos and considered posts that outline their study routines, it is all too easy to feel inferior. A fixed mindset keeps you trapped in those situations, it forces you to feel that the situation is unfair and you are lagging way behind. But the growth mindset would look at another person's success, then look at what you are accomplishing and say "I don't need approval, I want to gain more knowledge!". In fact, I cannot say this any better than Edudemic already has, so please [head over and read the following article on the Growth Mindset](#). Inspiring, fantastic stuff.

Use Growth for Everything

If you are struggling with adopting this mindset for your language learning, think of other learning situations you have been in during your life. Driving, cooking, sewing, musical instruments. We all started out pretty terrible at those, and the more you do it, the better you get. Yes, that's all of us. German and Arabic and Tagalog are no different.

This graphic showing how you can do it.

WHAT CAN I SAY TO MYSELF?	
INSTEAD OF...	TRY THINKING...
-I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS	-WHAT AM I MISSING?
-I'M AWESOME AT THIS	-I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK
-I GIVE UP!	-I'LL USE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES I'VE LEARNED
-THIS IS TOO HARD	-THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME AND EFFORT
-I CAN'T MAKE THIS ANY BETTER	-I CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE; I'LL KEEP TRYING
-I CAN'T DO MATH	-I'M GOING TO TRAIN MY BRAIN IN MATH
-I MADE A MISTAKE	-MISTAKES HELP ME IMPROVE
-I'LL NEVER BE AS SMART AS HER	-I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE DOES AND TRY IT
-IT'S GOOD ENOUGH	-IS THIS REALLY MY BEST WORK?

パート②次の質問に日本語で答えましょう。

1、みなさんは日本のホストファミリーや日本からのお客^{きやく}さんから「JMP ってなんですか？」と聞かれました。あなたはどうかやって説明しますか。

「JMP は、_____」

例) 日本語を日本語でべんきょうします。

2、あなたは5年生の時、クラスでどれくらい日本語を話していましたか。○をします
いつも / だいたい / ときどき / ぜんぜん

3、もっとクラスで日本語を話すためには、何が大切だと思いますか。自分の意見^{じぶん いけん}をかきます。

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Parent's comment:

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