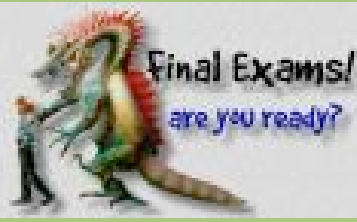


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Exams and Evaluations

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It's time to tell you the truth. Once a trimester, you will be faced with utter terror.

Just kidding.

It's true, however, that, once a trimester we have a huge exam in each subject, encompassing what we've learned through out the trimester. Do not scream. Do not shout. Read on, and you shall find all out.

*About two weeks before the actual exams, the teachers will hint subtly that you should start studying. You don't really have to start right then, although you might want to start glancing at your notes, and brushing up your Japanese. By the end of the week, someone in your class will have started organizing mock exams. Maybe you will be organizing them, but that doesn't matter too much. If you're not the one starting it, I would suggest that you join everybody else. They actually can help quite a bit. By the next Monday, the teachers will be **STRONGLY** recommending that you study. You definitely should have started studying by then. It helps. Trust me.*

Also, you should be almost done with your notebooks. Kathy will tell you more about that.

Exam day 1: You are sitting in a dark, dark room...

Which is painted a bright, cheerful red. There's red ceiling, red walls, red tables, red furniture—red everything! Lee, your teacher, enters, sternly staring down at you while explaining the instructions. "6th graders, I know you'll do just fine on the demos. Now, humanities demo is in Steve's office, Japanese is in the reception room, movement demo in the movement room..."

Then, she passes out packets of exams. Art exams, movement exams, and every other extra subject you could think of.

Except that you may also be in the science or the art room, this is a fairly accurate description of what happens in the morning on the first day. In the afternoon, you will be taking the Japanese exam. The first day is always a bit grinding. But you'll need to study some more for the next day, I swear...

Exam Day 2: Math...groan...and...Science...groan! Today is a rather scary day at first, but really it's not so bad, and the math and science group exam will be fun. For the normal exam, you will be sitting in one of the rooms and the teacher's will start you off. Just fill in your answers, keep you eyes on the page, double check, and try fairly hard not to doodle—at least not too much. Not too hard, right?

And, finally...

(Come on, you're supposed to hold your breath!)

Exam Day 3!!!



Before today, you should probably get a lot of rest. Breath in, breathe out. . .

Don't worry, writing and lit aren't too bad. For humanities, you had better study like a madman for that exam. There. You can now sigh in relief. Of course, you needn't think it's as bad as all that. I'm exaggerating it so that you'll want to study... Uh huh. That's it.