

The Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan

Invites you to

# Japan through the Eyes of American Children

by Orr Elementary School, Southeast DC



Orr Elementary Students practicing *sumi-e*

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

JICC Auditorium

Since January, fifth grade students from Orr Elementary School in southeast Washington have been learning about Japanese culture as part of the Embassy Adoption Program. In only five months, the students have had the chance to experience a wide range of cultural activities, including sampling sushi, studying the Japanese language, trying their hand at *sumi-e* brush painting, folding *origami*, and trying traditional dance, all while learning about Japanese history and culture. As the culmination of all of their hard work, the students will give their own presentation, which will include singing, skits, and poetry inspired by their new understanding of Japan.

**The Embassy Adoption Program** is administered by the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Washington Performing Arts Society. The program facilitates a cultural exchange between the diplomatic community and students from fifty elementary schools throughout the district. More than 35,000 students and 103 embassies have participated in the program since 1974.

Through the Embassy Adoption Program, students have the opportunity to take part in a Mini-United Nations General Assembly, visit the embassy that has adopted their school, and showcase their newfound knowledge through a public presentation. For more information on the program, please visit [www.wpas.org](http://www.wpas.org).

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, send your name, affiliation and the number in your party to [jiccrsvpspring09@embjapan.org](mailto:jiccrsvpspring09@embjapan.org)

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