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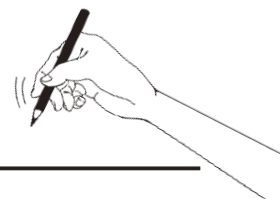
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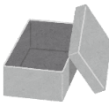




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Useful Japanese daily  
rules and customs

## Getting ready for school



 **Featured words: School supplies**

	ランドセル <i>Randoseru</i>	<b>School backpack</b>
	文房具 <i>Bunbōgu</i>	<b>School supplies</b>
	筆箱 <i>Fude-bako</i>	<b>Pencil case</b>
	お道具箱 <i>Odōgu-bako</i>	<b>School supply case</b> (Usually for things other than writing utensils)
	連絡帳袋 <i>Renrakuchō-bukuro</i>	<b>School notice case</b> (For notices from the school)
	算数セット <i>Sansū setto</i>	<b>Arithmetic tools</b> (For first and second year elementary school students)
	給食袋 <i>Kyūshoku-bukuro</i>	<b>School lunch kit</b> In Japan, almost all elementary schools provide school lunch ( <i>kyūshoku</i> ). Students eat lunch together in their classrooms and take turns serving school lunch while wearing an apron and kerchief. Students keep their lunch kit in their own bag.
	体操服 <i>Taisōfuku</i>	<b>Gym uniform</b> Sometimes called <i>taisōgi</i> ; bags for gym uniforms are known as <i>taisōfuku-bukuro</i> .

	<p>赤白帽 <i>Aka-shiro-bō</i></p>	<p><b>Red &amp; white colored cap</b> Students wear this cap in physical education class and school athletic meets. The colors of the cap are used to divide students into teams: the red (<i>aka</i>) team and the white (<i>shiro</i>) team.</p>
	<p>ぞうきん <i>Zōkin</i></p>	<p><b>Cleaning rag</b></p> 
	<p>上履き <i>Uwabaki</i></p>	<p><b>Indoor shoes</b> In Japanese schools, there are areas (such as the gymnasium) where students take off outdoor shoes and change into indoor shoes. They keep their own indoor shoes within a shoe bag called <i>uwabaki-bukuro</i>.</p>

These are just a few of the things your child will need when they enroll in elementary school. For more information on what your child will need specifically, please check with the school they will enroll in or refer to information sent from the school. Parents and guardians are also usually expected to write their child's name on each item. If your child will be starting school this year, be sure to give yourself plenty of time to prepare everything they need for a great school year!

