

JAPAN WITH NANAKA

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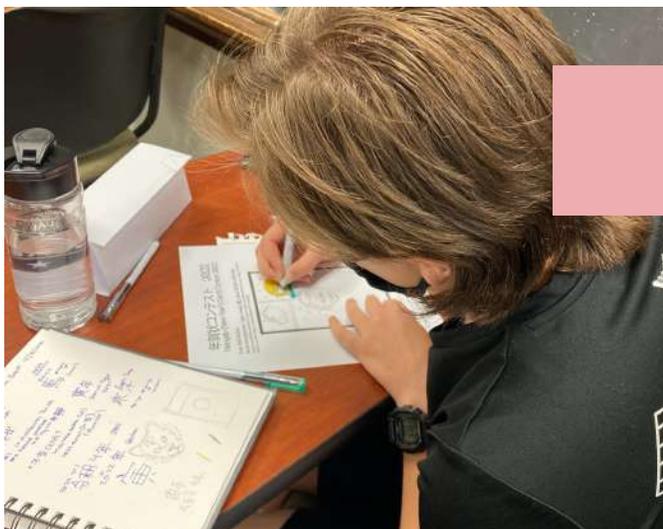
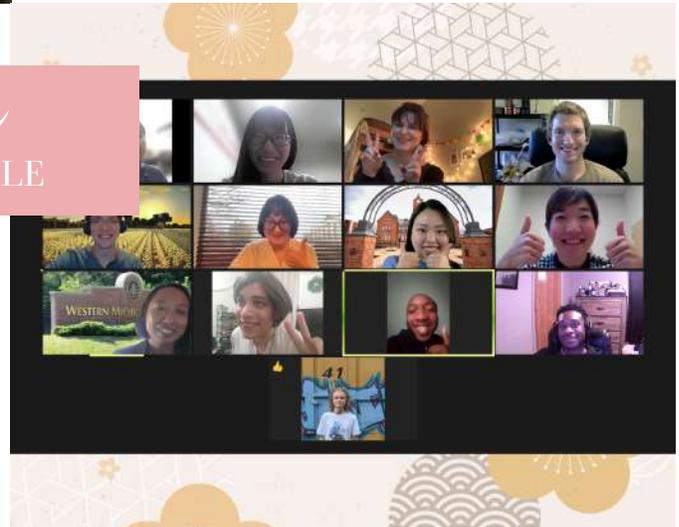


ゆるキャラグランプリ CHARACTER CONTEST

On Tuesday, November 30, students learned about Yuru-Chara in Japan. It was interesting to see how each character has its own unique characteristics! The students designed their own characters for the WCU Japanese Program.

日本語会話テーブル JAPANESE CONVERSATION TABLE

On December 3, I co-hosted an online Japanese conversation table. The participants were 5 Japanese and 7 Japanese learners. We introduced ourselves and talked about the areas we live in, and then enjoyed free conversation in the breakout room.



年賀状コンテスト NENGAJO CONTEST

On December 3, we learned about how to send Nengajo (New Year's cards) in Japan, the difference between "元日 (Ganjitsu)" and "元旦 (Gantan)", and the difference between "辰 (Tatsu)", "竜 (Tatsu, Ryu)" and "龍 (Tatsu, Ryu)", and more. The students also designed wonderful Nengajo.



日本のクリスマス CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

On December 8, I introduced places that Japanese people visit during Christmas, Christmas TV commercials, and Christmas gifts. There are so many beautiful illumination spots in Japan, such as Huis Ten Bosch and Ashikaga Flower Park, and Nabana no Sato. We looked through the Christmas gift catalog and felt like children. We used origami to make Santa Claus, gift bags, and a three-dimensional Christmas tree. Making the Christmas tree was difficult, but each student did their best to make it.



DEGREE PLUS

日本文化紹介 JAPANESE CULTURE PRESENTATION

On December 9, I was invited to give a presentation at the We Walk Together: Intercultural Dialogue Group. I talked about Japan with quizzes, videos, and pictures. Participants enjoyed quizzes about Japan and making Mt. Fuji with origami.



紙飛行機飛ばし大会 PAPER AIRPLANE FLYING CONTEST

On December 15, students who took time out from their final exams and assignments to participate in the event made paper airplanes on their own and competed for flying distance and accuracy. As this was the last event of 2021, students learned about year-end and New Year's greetings.