

# LANGUAGE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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As the sun moves across the bright blue sky, we can hear the cicadas shrilling in the trees. Welcome to the hottest time of the year in Japan. How do you keep cool during this month? Some people eat cold foods like sōmen, reimen, and kakigōri (shaved ice). Other people go the mountains where the air is clean and fresh, or swim in the sea.

(*cicada* /sɪˈkɑːdə/ - 蝉)

### Chain Stories

The Language Center teachers have been doing a variety of activities in the Integrated Skills classes. These classes focus on speaking, reading, listening, and writing. In one class, the students went outside to get inspired by nature to write poems. In another, four students took turns writing a short story. Below is one example of this chain story.

**The most amazing thing happened to me! I still can't believe it, but it's true. I was going home a few days ago when suddenly...**

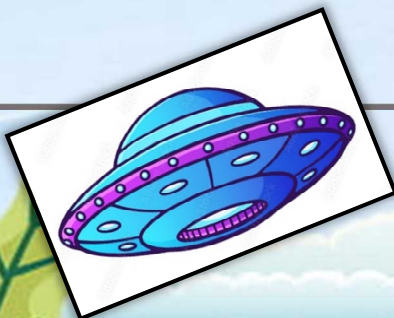
A UFO came down next to me. I thought UFOs were not real, and someone imagined it. But when I saw it for real, I got very surprised. And when I was surprised by it, I heard a very strong loud noise from the UFO.

A big monster was coming out from the side of the UFO. I was so scared, but actually, the monster was very kind. He gave me a present. He wanted to be friends with me.

I opened the present and there were many snacks inside. I have never seen these kinds of snacks before. According to the monster, the snacks were sold in space. They were very delicious.

We are now very good friends. The monster talked to me about many things in space. I talked to the monster about the Earth. We ate snacks together when we were sharing stories. Do you want to know the secrets of space?

- Group 2 Class



# SHS English Adventure



On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Seirinkan International Department conducted an English learning program for Aisai students. Participants ranged from elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> year junior high school students. Real language was taught by two of the language center teachers; Mr. Zen and Mr. Rommel with the help of some 2<sup>nd</sup> year International students. Please try and join us for the next **Open School Event** on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 – 12:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

Some of our International Course students put on their own news broadcast during the integrated skills classes. They researched current news, wrote the script, and recorded themselves doing news, weather, and sports. Well done!

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