



**GOLDEN WEEK**– This year, Golden Week holidays are **April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**. This means a **3 day holiday** from the 29<sup>th</sup>, and then a **four day holiday** from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>! Below are the 10 GW destination places that people searched on the internet most!

**Even if you stay at home, enjoy GW!**

**TOP 10 DESTINATIONS IN GOLDEN WEEK**

- 1-Okinawa    2-Taipei
- 3-Bangkok    4- Seoul
- 5-Sappora    6-Bali
- 7-Singapore    8-Oahu
- 9-Fukuoka    10-Tokyo



**PLACES TO AVOID?**

Unfortunately, **Tokyo Disneyland and Disney Sea are always very busy**, as is **USJ**. Ghibli Park is also really popular right now, and **Kyoto** will be full of travelers. Although we love these places, it might be better to visit them another time!

**Mid-Term Tests** - In May, we will have our first tests for this school year. Here are some useful points to help you succeed!



**Top Tips for Taking Tests**

1. **Get enough sleep before the test** – You will feel positive and energetic. Most important, your memory will be much better!
2. **Read through the test first** – this will help you to see how much you must do. Then, you can plan your time properly.
3. **Answer questions in any order** – If you don't know an answer, skip it. Return to that question later.
4. **Relax!** – If you worry, you may not do well. Take a break for 30 seconds. Close your eyes and imagine a relaxing place.
5. **Manage your time** – Check the clock. If you have too little time, it is better to guess. Try not to leave blank answers.
6. **Check!** – If you finish early, try to check over your answers.

## May Quotations

Many poets and writers have been inspired and moved by May. Here are some quotations which capture the mood of spring!

*"The month of May is the gateway to summer"* – Jean Hershey

*"Among the changing months, May stands confessed, The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed."* - Edmund Spenser

*"May is pink, and green and red"* – Richard L. Ratliff

*"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."* - Emily Brontë

*"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive."* - Fennel Hudson



## Riddles

A riddle is word puzzle. Riddles have existed for thousands of years. Can you work out the answers to these riddles in English?

1. You see me once in June, twice in November and not at all in May.

What am I?

2. I had six eggs. I broke two. I fried two. I ate two. How many are left?

3. What month of the year has 28 days?

4. What is at the end of a rainbow?

5. What has 4 legs, but can't walk?



### Answers:

1. The letter e.
2. Four eggs are left.
3. All of them.
4. The letter w.
5. A chair / table.

And finally.... Changes to the EIKEN Written test!

*EIKEN Grades 1, Pre-1, 2, Pre-2 and 3 have changed.*

Briefly, some of the exam times will be extended to accommodate new writing sections. Many things have changed. Students may need to **summarize a text**, or **reply to an email** (Grade 3/pre-2). Eiken 3 reading is going from 50 minutes to 65 minutes. So, be sure to check out [www.eiken.or.jp](http://www.eiken.or.jp) to find out more!