Japan: Children’s Day

Post-visit Activity: Quick Write Assessment

A favorite Japanese pastime is to make up poetry called Haiku. This 17-syllable poem invites students to describe one simple topic creatively by following a specific structure:

Line one: 5 syllables
Line two: 7 syllables
Line three: 5 syllables

Student Samples

Sand scatters the beach
Green and speckled legs,
Waves crash on the sandy shore
Hop on logs and lily pads
Blue water shimmers
Splash in cool water

After learning about Children’s Day, compose a Haiku poem about a topic you found interesting. Some of the words you might use are as follows:

family   mother   father
boy       girl      healthy
Japanese  flying    city
celebrate carp/koi streamers
countryside 5th August
strength  swim     waterfall
wild      samurai  armor
helmet    sword     bow/arrow
bath      shobu     leaves
sticky rice bean paste oak leaves