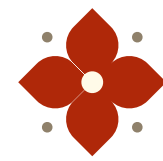




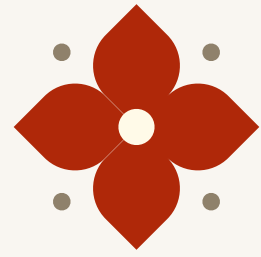
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# Let's Draw New Year Card

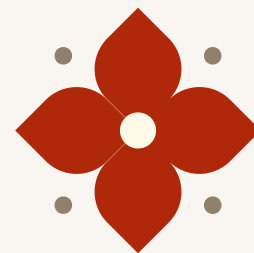
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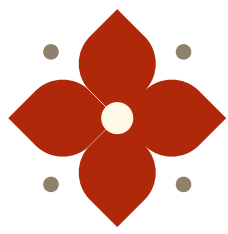




# 2025 JASC New Year Card Contest

Submit your best design for  
the 5th annual New Year  
Card Contest!





# New Year's Card (Nenga Jo )

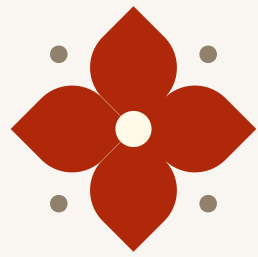
## Discover the Tradition of Japanese New Year Cards

In Japan, exchanging New Year cards (nengajo) is a beloved tradition, much like Christmas cards in the U.S. Each year, the zodiac animal of the upcoming year inspires vibrant designs, seen in stores and even digital e-cards.

The Japanese postal service adds a fun twist with nengajo featuring lottery numbers, giving recipients a chance to win prizes. This tradition also highlights cultural nuances, like the Japanese zodiac's boar (inoshishi) compared to the Chinese zodiac's pig.

Celebrate this rich tradition by participating in our New Year Card Contest and creating your own nengajo inspired by Japanese culture!





# JASC New Year Card Contest

- Submission Due by: **Monday January 6, 2025**

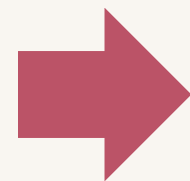
## In-Person Submission

1. Take a Letter size paper (kids) / 4x6 card (Teen & Adult)
2. Put your art in the entry box at JASC office building 5700 NI Lincoln Ave.

## Online Submission

1. Take a picture of your New Year Card
2. Submit your design through online form

**Online Submission Form**



# NEW YEAR CARD CONTEST

年賀状コンテスト

Submit your best design for the 5th Annual New Year Card Contest!

**PRIZE**  
TOP 3 WINNERS FROM EACH DIVISION

**DIVISION**

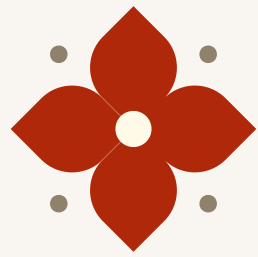
- Kids (12 and under)
- Teen (13-19)
- Adult (20 and up)

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Letter size paper for Kids division
- 4X6 card for Teen & Adults
- New Year's drawing must be original & hand drawn
- New Year's greeting message in Japanese (see website for instruction)
- Your full name, entry division, age, contact information (email address & phone number) in the back of the card

\*Can be submitted electronically or in-person at JASC office.

**DUE BY**  
5 PM  
JANUARY 6  
2025



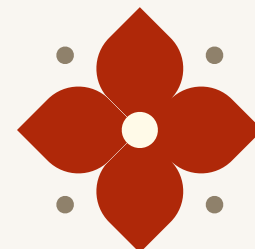
# Prize

Prizes will be given to top 3 winners of each category

**Kids Division** Altitude Trampoline Park Jump Cards

**Teen Division** Culver's Meal Set

**Adult Division** Chicago Botanic Garden Tickets  
Museum of Science and Industry Tickets



## PRIZES

賞品



**KIDS**

Altitude Chicago Trampoline Park  
Free Jump Passes



**TEEN**

Culver's  
Free Regular Value Basket



**ADULT**

Chicago Botanic Garden  
Free Passes  
or  
Museum of Science and Industry  
Free Passes



[LEARN MORE](#)

- Online voting period January 13 - 19
- Winners will be announced at New Year Camp on 1/20/2025



# Requirements



**Letter Size**  
**for Kids Division**



**4X6 Card**  
**for Teen & Adult Division**

# Requirements

Must be  
original &  
hand drawn



New Year's Greeting  
Phrase(s)  
"MUST include  
Japanese writing"

The year, zodiac,  
or things related  
to New Year's.

# New Year's Greeting words and Phrases

あけまして  
おめでとう  
いざいませす

あけまして  
おめでとう  
いざいませす



明けまして

謹んで

おめでとう

新春のお慶びを



申し上げます

元旦

元旦

謹んで新年の

賀正

賀正

ご祝詞を



迎春

迎春



申し上げます

謹賀新年

謹賀新春

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恭賀新年

恭賀新春

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# お正月

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O sho gatsu

New Year  
(Period)





あ

明けまして

おめでとーう

いざいませす

Akemashite  
Omedetou  
Gozaimasu

A Happy New Year

新 しん

年 ねん

Shin nen

New Year



謹賀新年

皆様のご健康とご多幸を心からお祈りいたします  
本年もどうぞよろしくお願ひ申し上げます

令和六年 元旦





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Shin shun



**Arrival of new spring**

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January first is called  
“Gan tan”

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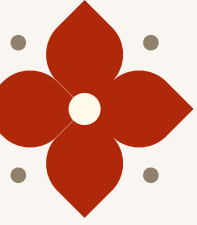
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Gan tan

Ichi gatsu Tsuitachi

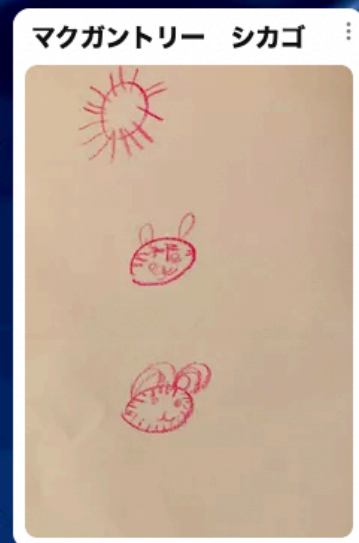
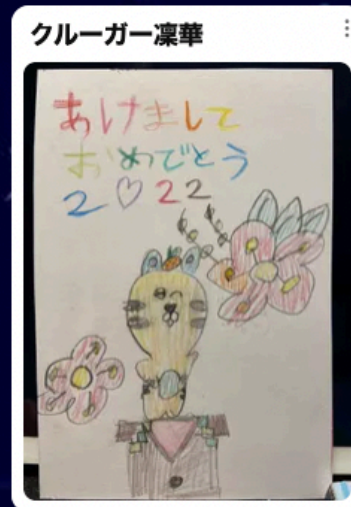
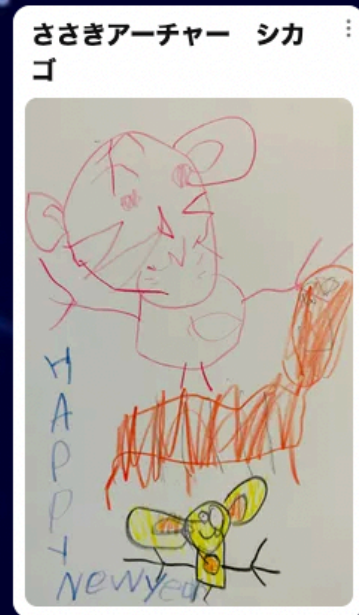




# 2021 New Year's Card contest



# 2022 New Year's Card contest





# 2023 New Year's Card contest

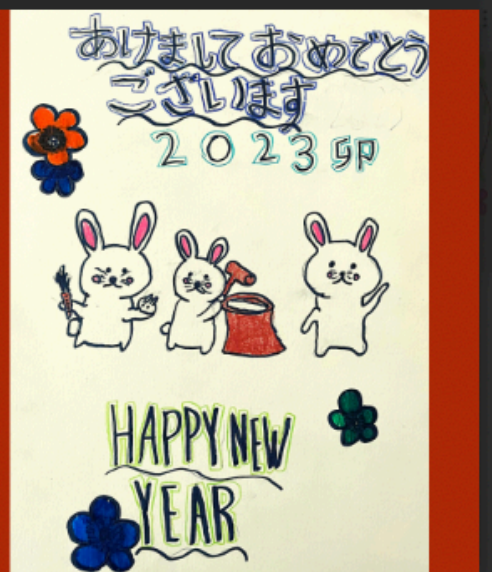
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Donguri Kai  
2023 New Year's Card Contest  
with voters' comments

**1**

**Saori Yamanaka**

Looks very professional  
Cute rabbits @ mochituki!  
Cute illustration  
Also my friends  
うさぎがお餅ついでるのが可愛い  
How the rabbit are making mochi  
Very cute rabbits  
Positive with the flowers  
Fun abnd positive!  
It's cute  
I like the addition of mochi pounding!



**1**

**Eita Tabion**

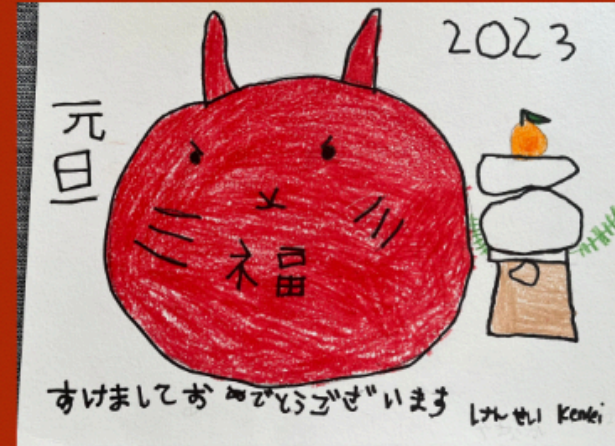
うさぎ可愛い  
It looks computer made  
Cute and thoughtful, elegant  
Amazing font and cute rabbit  
Very talented and fun  
Great symbolism  
Nice colors  
Very cute and creative  
うさぎのピンク色を使って暖かい気分を出している  
so professional looking  
It popped out



**2**

**Kensei Yamanaka**

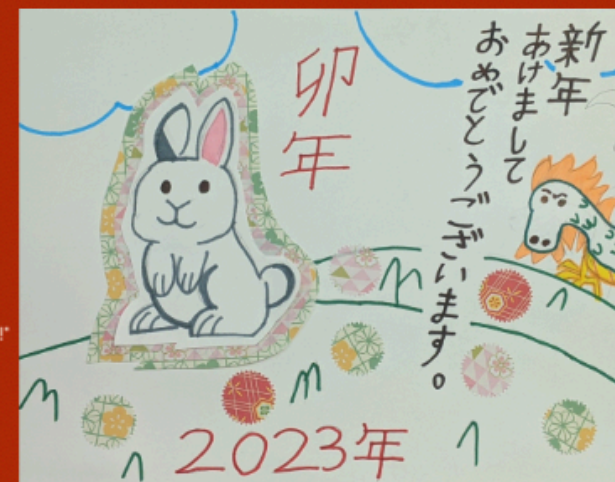
"Red rabbit has a lots of energy for 2023"  
"Big red bunny pops out. So festive!"  
"日本の旗を思わせるうさぎがとってもかわいい"



**3**

**Remy Walker**

"Next year's dragon is popping up"  
"I love the dragon is trainling behind!"  
"Creative! Excellent use of origami material!"  
"So cool!"  
"Great design, lots of colors"



**★**

**Vincent Kagayama**

"Very colorful drawing!"  
"cute pink rabbit!"  
"Make me feel happy with this!"  
"Very neat Japanese writing!"



**★**

**Mau Lenti**

"Colorful & Happy design"  
"Colorful and has a train!"  
"Great use of colors fill out the whole card"  
"Very detailed"



**★**

**Leo Fairbanks**

"Wow, look at the Kanji!"  
"Funny the bunny turned to be Mochi!"  
"Great job on writing Kanji!"  
"Creative drawing!"



**★**

**Penelope Kern**

"I love the the variety"  
"Nice writing Japanese"  
"Cute drawing!"  
"Beautiful gradation of colors"



# 2024 New Year's Card contest

どんぐり会  
DONGURI KAI

2024 Donguri Kai New Year's Card Contest

## WINNERS

1st  
Place



**Remy Walker**

2st  
Place



**Taiyo Moy**

3st  
Place



**Eita Tabion**

Congratulations!!!

DONGURU KAI

どんぐり会  
DONGURI KAI

2024 Donguri Kai New Year's Card Contest

## THANK YOU

for your participation



DONGURU KAI