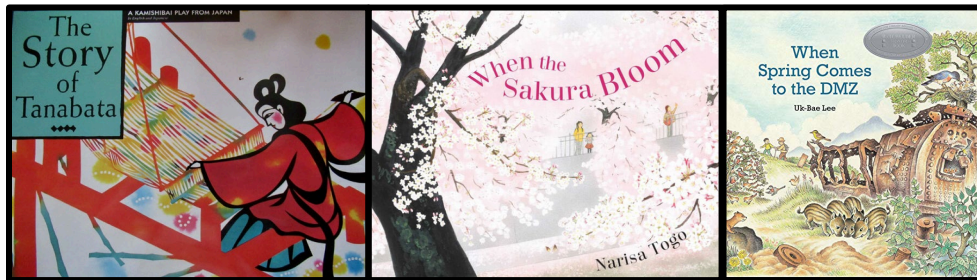


Winter 2024 National Online Program

TEACHING NATURAL SCIENCES THROUGH PICTURE BOOKS Part 2: Japan and Korea January 18 to March 6, 2024

A Professional Development Program for K-8 Teachers



This program is aimed at elementary teachers and middle school teachers interested in integrating picture books into science and/or social studies instruction. The course will focus on the teaching of the natural sciences and the cultures of Japan and the Koreas. The three books featured address specific standards in life science, earth science, and social studies. By using these picture books that deliver the content with accuracy, teachers will help students gain literacy and visual skills as they read and examine the materials.

Course Format and Expectations: The course will be conducted through three asynchronous online modules, each consisting of pertinent readings on history, culture, and science resources, and a participant discussion forum on content and pedagogy. In addition, the seminar includes one synchronous webinar with Narisa Togo, author of *When the Sakura Bloom*. The course starts January 18 with online introductions. The first module will begin January 25, and the final module will conclude on March 6. Participants must be able to attend the live webinar on February 15, 2024 at 7pm ET. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due March 17, 2024.

Eligibility and Selection: Elementary and middle school teachers are invited to apply. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to teachers who can incorporate the books into their classroom teaching. Participants are responsible for acquiring the books in advance of the book group start date. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers; applications close January 11, 2024, or when full.

*Diversify your classroom readings
and teach important natural science concepts through these three stories!*

Participation is free, with the following benefits and expectations:

- Access to materials online or via download;
- A copy of the three picture books
- Discussion with Japan and Korea studies specialist and fellow educators;
- \$60 award to cover the cost of the books upon course completion;
- \$75 completion award and certificate of completion for 20 hours.

Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/TEAcourseregistration>. For more information, contact course leader Catherine Ishida at ishida@colorado.edu.