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The purpose of this is to tell you how pleased I am with the positive influence of the International Business Language and Culture Institute's programs for Japanese language study. As an educator with 25 years of experience, I was impressed with the Kanji Camp and Advanced Kanji Camp instructors and curriculum presented to my middle school aged daughter this past summer.

Kanji Camp, as well as Advanced Kanji Camp was based in an informal setting with knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and personable instructors who quickly learned my daughter's interests and assessed her academic abilities. With a low student to teacher ratio, instructors were able to individualize and pace lessons to meet the unique interests and academic needs of my daughter. For example, through casual conversation, instructors learned of my daughter's interest in archery and planned a field trip to view a demonstration of traditional Japanese archery.

The curriculum was diverse including information about Japanese culture as well as increasing vocabulary and promoting confidence in speaking the language. Various modalities were utilized in presenting the content and kept the students interested and motivated. Traditional games, arts and crafts, snacks, demonstrations, as well as pen and paper activities were blended daily for a relaxed, enjoyable learning atmosphere that my daughter appreciated. The lesson on *ikebana*, flower arranging, was particularly memorable.

I recommend the International Business Language and Culture Institute's session called Kanji Camp. The summer program is organized, employs a motivated staff, and provides an enjoyable and professional learning opportunity for students.

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