

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 28. Goodbye again and a menu translation

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The end of the school year is approaching faster than ever and soon we will say goodbye to this year's 9th grade students. I have been teaching them for the last five years which makes it a third of their lives and a sixth of mine. It's the same length of time as secondary school is in The U.K, 5 years age 11-16. Yet it does not feel long at all. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all the students for so long and wish them all the best in high school and the ones who will leave Yusuhara and go elsewhere to make many new friends and memories.

In other news the junior high school English club have recently been creating English menus for a restaurant here in Yusuhara. With an increase in foreign visitors and tourists it was decided that it was not only a good way to learn new English phrases but also help the local community. The students have taken to this task well and have been considerate in keeping to the original while also providing key information for English speakers. This includes items written phonetically (to help restaurant staff) and a brief description of what the dish is. It will be exciting to see this finished!

