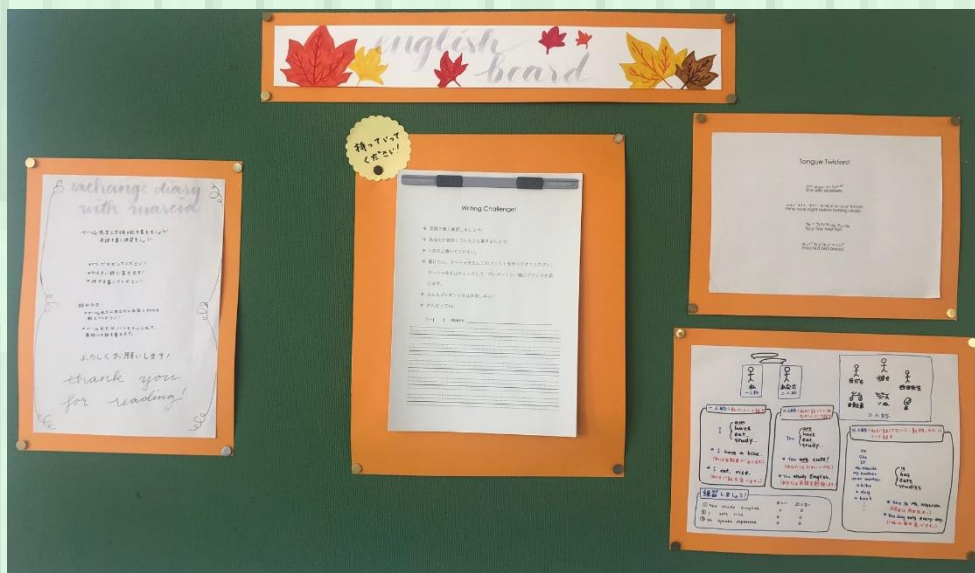


This month began with the culture festival. I have never seen a culture festival before, so it was very fun for me. It was fun seeing the students' work over the past year, and what sort of fun cultural experiences they have had. The chorus contest was lovely, and it was nice seeing the hard work of the students pay off. In my schools in the United States, we never had anything like a chorus contest completely directed by the students, so I was very impressed! Congratulations to classes 1-1, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, and 3-4 for winning the gold! Congratulations to class 3-2 for winning the Grand Prix!



I began an English board for the first years to look at. The theme for the English board this month is autumn leaves. If you are able to see it, please check it out! I put activities for the students to try in their free time, and they can get presents when they finish. I was so happy when the first few students who gave me their completed worksheets! I want to make more fun and interesting worksheets for the students, and make English fun for them.



After three months of living here, I feel like I am getting used to life here. Every day working at Konan Junior High is busy, but fun! I'm so happy students continue to write to me in the exchange diaries, and I hope to form closer bonds with the teachers and students. Let's have fun together at school!