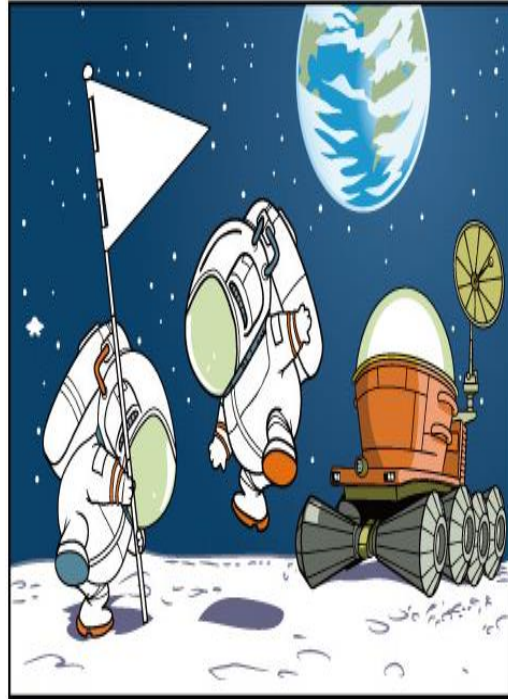


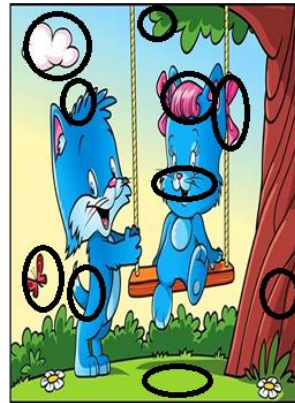
10/17/2022 (#19 this year)

Did you have a good weekend? We have classes this Saturday. I am sorry about that. It is so that we can show our classes to people who are thinking about choosing our school. I do tours on this day, and it is always fun because I get to see so many other teachers' classes. You probably know this because you get to see lots of different teachers teach every day, but each teacher has their own style and personality. It is a lot of fun when I can watch other classes. I think the parents and the students that are coming will have a great time when they walk around and get to experience the "real" Hokusei. What do you think?



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Last week:



### Something interesting about Studio Ghibli:

1. The word "Ghibli" comes from Arabic and means a hot desert wind. Hayao Miyazaki wanted his animation studio to be a wind that changed the Japanese animation industry. He certainly did that.
2. Miyazaki doesn't use scripts<sup>1</sup>, so he doesn't know how a movie ends until he gets to the end of it.
3. Spirited Away is the highest grossing Ghibli movie. It was also the first foreign animated movie to win an Oscar<sup>2</sup>.
4. Studio Ghibli never uses more than 10% CGI<sup>3</sup> in a movie.

### Ghibli Park

Do you like Ghibli movies? Who is your favorite character? If you love the movies then you will love the Ghibli park that is opening in Aichi on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not a theme park like Universal Studios or Disneyland. There



are no rides. It is much quieter than any other theme park. There are many small houses built inside a forest. It looks like a town straight out of<sup>4</sup> a Ghibli movie. You can go in the houses and there are lots of characters from the movies in recognizable

scenes. One of the most popular will be No Face from Spirited Away<sup>5</sup>. He is sitting on a train and visitors can sit next to him and take their photograph. There is a café where you can buy Ghibli themed<sup>6</sup> meals. Children can take a ride on the Cat Bus from My Neighbor Totoro. And, of course, there is the obligatory<sup>7</sup> gift shop. The park is extremely popular. Tickets can only be bought online and all of the tickets for November have already sold out. I really want to go. It is not just that I love Ghibli, but that I don't like theme parks. I used to love them, but these days, even the simplest rides make me feel really sick. I think I am getting old. The Ghibli park will open next month, but it isn't finished yet. They plan to add a lot more houses to it. There are many movies that they can use for inspiration<sup>8</sup>. It will be great when it is finished.



- 1.script 台本
- 2.oscar オスカー
- 3.CGI (Computer Generated Image)コンピューター作成画像
- 4.straight out of から抜け出てきたようである
- 5.Spirited Away 千と千尋の神隠し
- 6.themed 楓
- 7.obligatory 義務的な
- 8.inspiration 刺激



### World record

Here's an odd world record. The bird in the picture is a macaw<sup>1</sup>, which is a type of parrot<sup>2</sup>. They are very popular as pets because of their bright colors and very long tail feathers. Macaws can live for 75 years and are thought to be the smartest birds. Many people say that they are smarter than dogs. They can also respond<sup>3</sup> to human emotions and are very affectionate<sup>4</sup> pets. Well, the macaw in this picture is called Zac and he comes from California. What is his world record? You can probably tell from looking at the picture. He has the world record for the most canned drinks opened by a parrot in a minute.

He managed to open 35 cans in one minute, using only his beak<sup>5</sup>. That's pretty impressive. I don't think I could open 35 cans of drink with just my fingers in one minute. What about you?



**If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. -Isaac Newton**

### A capital city – Santiago, capital city of Chile

Let's look at Santiago. It is the capital of Chile, in South America. It has a population of 7 million people, which is about 40% of Chile's population. Before the Spanish came to South America, the area had several towns, which were part of the Inca Empire<sup>6</sup>. The Spanish conquistador<sup>7</sup>, Pedro de Valdivia reached the area in 1540 and he told the heads of the local towns that he was going to make a city. He named the city "Santiago" after the patron saint<sup>8</sup> of Spain. The Spanish went to war with the local people and Santiago was almost destroyed, but the Spanish won, and the city started to grow. In 1812, Chile declared independence<sup>9</sup> from Spain and began the Chilean War of Independence. They won and became an independent country on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1818. Santiago is between 400m and 700m above sea level and is surrounded by mountains. It is prone to<sup>10</sup> earthquakes, which have done a lot of damage over the years. Santiago has the most polluted<sup>11</sup> air in all of South America at the moment. This is partly because it is the largest city in South America and partly because the mountains around the city keep the pollution over the city. The oldest university in the Americas is in Santiago. It was opened in 1622. If you want to visit the city, you have to fly into Comodoro Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport, which is named after the founder of the Chilean Air Force in 1930.



- 1.macaw コンゴウインコ 2.parrot インコ 3.respond 反応する 4.affectionate 優しい 5.beak くちばし 6.Inca Empire インカ帝国 7.conquistador 征服者 8.patron saint 守護聖人 9.independence 独立 10.prono to～する傾向がある 11.polluted 汚染され