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Hello, everyone. It's hard to keep up with the changing weather lately. January brought us mountainous snow, then suddenly early February felt like late spring weather before going right back into cold and snow in mid-February. How did you all fare dealing with the January snow? I've been exercising extra caution with my back ever since I strained it a few years ago, and towards the end of the snow front I could tell my back had reached its limit. I'm just glad the snow stopped before I wrecked my back again.

The term for my English school ends in March. Thank you to all my current students! I've long felt that it's a wonderful experience to be able to have all sorts of people from all corners of Agano city come to my class. From housewives to business owners, students to farmers, it's a true blessing to be able to interact with people of such a wide variety of backgrounds.

This new year will see a massive overhaul for my English class. The adult courses will see the biggest changes, so I'd like to explain those changes in detail here. First, we've decided to use a new textbook. We have many repeat attendees, and the global reality of English is changing, so we thought it was a good time to update our teaching materials. The contents of each lesson will also change,

so we'd love to see people who have attended before come once again.

Next, up until now we've recruited for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, but the contents of each level will change starting in April. What has up until now been the beginner class will become the intermediate class, and the previously intermediate and advanced classes will unite in the advanced class. Finally, the new beginner class will be aimed at 5th and 6th grade elementary students and junior high school students. To help you visualize the change, see the chart below.

Present		New
Elementary 5th and 6th, high	→	Beginner
Beginner	→	Intermediate
Intermediate, advanced	→	Advanced

Don't worry, the difficulty of the content will remain the same as it was before. I'm not going to suddenly force you all to study more difficult content, just the names of the classes are changing.

I'll start working on new curriculum just as soon as I get my hands on the new textbooks. I'm looking forward to it! If you're interested in seeing what sort of new content is in store, we'd love to have you apply to join our class in the new term! Until next time,

- Jeff



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