



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

*Ms. Mieko Basan*

What inspired you to work in education?

When I was working at a TV station in Tokyo, Japan, I had to teach a lot of children who worked for the TV show about their duties and I really enjoyed that involvement.

What is the best thing about being a teacher?

Seeing the smiles on children's faces and discovering new surprises with them every day.

Is there anything you would like to do or try in the future at ICAGeorgia?

I would like to plan something fun with my students.

If you had not become a teacher, what do you think you would be doing?

I think I would have continued to work as a videographer.

What would you most like to do when the Covid-19 is gone?

I love to go to get a haircut, traveling and eating out!!

**My Favorite Things!!**

Food - Fruits and Vegetables

Music - Any kind!!

Movie - Too many to choose!!

Book - The Lord of the Ring, Harry Potter, Dark Matter, Un Lun Dun



Ms. Sommer

Ms. Basan is a very cheerful and funny person! When I am with her, my feelings become cheerful and happy. She is always talking about her classes with such joy, that I wish I could take her classes too. I really like her!



Ms. Sabino

Ms. Basan is very dedicated and does so much for our students. She is always thinking of fun activities and the students really enjoy her classes.

What is your current teaching position and grade level?

I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and teach Japanese core subjects (JLA, Math, Science, Social Studies)

Where is your hometown?

Oita, Japan

When you were a child, what did you want to be?

I wanted to be a veterinarian!

Tell us something about your special skills?

Like a chameleon, I'm able to blend in with any environment.

When you are not working, how do you spend your time?

Cooking, watching movies and anime, spending time with my family.

What did you do in Iowa? Why did you come to Georgia?

I lived in Iowa City because my husband taught at University of Iowa in Iowa City. I worked in the television industry in Tokyo, so I also worked as a videographer at a local TV station in Iowa City. I was mainly making documentary programs. Later, as a freelance videographer, I worked with Japanese cable TV companies when they came to film in US. I moved to Georgia in December, 2019 due to my husband's job transfer.

