

My name is Kei Onuma and I am 7 years old. I was born in California. My mother came from Japan and my father came from New York.

My mother often tells me that I have to think about other people. I like to eat Inari zushi, which is sushi rice covered with fried tofu. At my birthday party, I ate a lot of Inari zushi and my mother said "Don't eat it all by yourself. You have to leave some for other people." So, I left some for my friends to eat. When my friends ate Inari zushi for the first time, they really liked it! I felt happy that my friends also like Inari zushi just like me.

When I was in Kindergarten a boy from China joined our class in the middle of the year. He couldn't speak any English, so he cried everyday. The teacher didn't know what to do. One day he kicked me when I was reading a book in class. I was going to tell my teacher about it, but I thought maybe he wanted to play with me but he didn't know what to say in English. So, I decided not to tell my teacher and I tried hard to be friends with him. We soon became good friends. So I learned that thinking about other people and helping them is important.

On Saturdays I go to Japanese school. I have to read the San Francisco Chronicle during the week. Then I pick a newspaper article and give a presentation on it to the class in Japanese. Every week I learn many new things. I learned that the color of your skin depends on how much melanin you have in your skin cells. The amount of melanin changes depending on whether you live in a cold area or in a hot area. So now I know that the color of skin is not a big deal.

Last Saturday I learned about Jeff Adachi who died on February 22, 2019. His grandfather and father were put into an internment camp during World War II because they were Japanese, even though they were born in America. My grandfather also had to go to an internment camp, even though he was born in Nevada. When Jeff Adachi grew up, he became a public defender because he knew it is important to protect people who are weak or discriminated against.

In America there are many people from different cultures. Each culture is special and can help make America stronger. But some cultures are discriminated against. Maybe it's because of the color of their skin. It is important to think of others and to help them, and the color of the skin is not a big deal. When I grow up, I want to be like Jeff Adachi. I want to help people who are weak or discriminated against. Helping them will make America stronger.