

New Year's Day in Japan

We're going to introduce the New Year in Japan. First, we eat "Osechi". They are special dishes only for the New Year. Each food has its own meaning; shrimp stands for long life, salted herring roe stands for prosperity for descendants, and black soy beans stands for hardwork and healthy life.

Secondly, children can get the New Year's gift of money called *otoshidama*. They're looking forward to getting it every year. On New Year's Eve, we enjoy watching NHK's TV program: Red & White Singing Contest. We also enjoy eating soba noodles. Please get to understand the cultures of

