

Dear Yachu 9th graders,

This is a short letter to say goodbye and good luck.

I have enjoyed teaching and getting to know all of you. Some of you I have known for a very long time. I have known the students from Einan and Ofuji since you were in the first grade of elementary school. About 9 years. Wow!

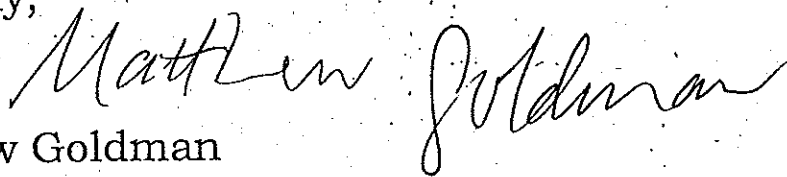
Soon you will all graduate from junior high school. This is an exciting and important step in your life. I hope that all of your dreams come true. I'm sure that there will be difficult times on the way. But never give up. There will also be great times. Just hold on to your dreams!

Do you like English? Well, English is the common language of the world. If there were 10 people here from 10 different countries, they would be using English to communicate. When you have the chance, try and use the English you are learning. Don't worry about making mistakes. Learn from them. Speaking a foreign language is fun and interesting.

Once again, do your best and enjoy your life! I hope you learn many things and have many wonderful experiences!

If you see me around Yatomi, please say 'hello'.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Goldman".

Matthew Goldman
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