Japanese New Year’s Food

*Osechi Ryori* is New Year’s food in Japan. It is very good food. The morning of New Year’s Day, we drink *ozoni*. *Ozoni* is New Year’s soup. We also drink *otoso*. *Otoso* is sake. We eat *osechi ryori* and drink *ozoni* and *otoso* at the homes of friends and relatives. We eat *osechi* and *ozoni* with chopsticks. Food and drinks are put in pretty containers and served.

What do we eat in America in December?

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New Year’s Cards

*Nengajos* are sent in December. But, they will arrive at homes on January 1st. They are sent to friends, relatives, teachers, and people from work.

This is the year of the sheep. It is the year of the sheep from January through December of Heisei 15. "Congratulations on the New Year" is written on *nengajos*.

Are there *nengajos* in America? What do we do?

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