## Summer Trip







For three days in July, the  $27^{\text{th}}$  through the  $29^{\text{th}}$ , grade 5 embarked on their summer trip to Haruna in Gunma prefecture.

On the first day, Mount Haruna was blanketed in a thick fog, so the students were unable to go hiking, but they were able to experience nature by doing various activities at the Nature School. The weather improved in the evening, and everyone enjoyed the campfire together as it blazed upward into the night sky.

Day two was the excursion to the Green Farm, where the students were able to spend time with farm animals, make butter by hand, and watch a sheepdog show. Afterwards at Haruna Glass, the students arranged pieces of glass to make their own original chopstick rests. That evening at the camp facility, the students joined with Azabu Elementary to test their courage in a journey through the darkened building, with only a flashlight and their wits to guide them. Many screams of joy and terror were heard that night.

The third day brought the students to the Museum of Natural History, where they made replica fossils, examined dinosaur skeletons, and learned about the history of the earth.

Throughout the duration of the Summer Trip, friends showed courtesy and conducted themselves with consideration for each other. These three days living away from home and school allowed the students the chance to understand the importance of timeliness and following the rules. Moving forward, as students of the upper grades, we will encourage their growth by applying what they have learned to their life both in and out of school. Grade 5 Teachers Shizuka Muramatsu Hiroshi Kurokawa







Summer Vacation Album Summer School



Mizuho Bank We learned how to count money and exchange business cards.







## **Recorder Class** We learned how to

play the recorder properly, and enjoyed performing.

Shōgi Class

Ms. Hiromi Nakakura taught us shōgi, and we had fun playing both regular shōgi and animal shōgi.

Flower Arrangement Ms. Emiko Aoyagi taught us how to make beautiful flower arrangements.



Calbee Food Education We learned how to eat snacks in a healthy way, and

how different snacks

help our bodies.