



The Real Thing

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Surely there are some who are bothered by autumn's fickle temperament, the way it suddenly warms up as soon as you think it has cooled down, and such.

The other day, the sixth graders participated in Minato City's Sports Day at Yume no Shima Stadium. They aptly carried out their duties as Higashimachi Elementary's representatives. People often say that the 6th graders are the face of the school, or that you can learn a lot about the school by watching the 6th graders. While these words may be true some of the time, they are not necessarily true all of the time.

The following is a legend shared in many countries. 6 men who did not know what an elephant was were brought to a completely dark room by a king. The 6 men then began describing what they were feeling. One man touched the elephant's belly and said, "It is like a wall." One man touched the nose and said, "It is like a giant worm." One man touched an ear and said, "It is like a fan." One man touched a leg and said, "It is like a post." One man touched the tusk and said, "It is like a spear." One man touched the tail and said, "It is like a rope."

Unable to convince one another that their impression of the elephant is the correct one, the men began to argue. Hearing this, the king said, "You are all correct. The reason your stories clash is because you are each touching a different part of the elephant. The elephant actually has all of the characteristics you are describing."

This is something that often happens in our daily lives. Nowadays, when choosing a school for their child on the internet, it is not rare for people to inquire about gossip or rumors about the school. The replies one might get from the internet might apply to some aspects of the school, but that does not mean they speak for the entire school.

The same can be said for when children have some trouble with their friends. Children will often say things that benefit their argument. These things too are not lies, and if you look from the broader perspective, you see it is only a small part of the truth.

If you believe only some words or some facts, you will most likely mistake the big picture. I believe that, not matter the situation, if you go back and forth between the big picture and the details, the greater truth will present itself.

November

day	date	Event	after school
1	Tu	Safety Class	3-6
2	W	4-pr. Day, BoE Visit, Teacher Dev. (3-1, pr. 5)	X
3	Th	Culture Day	
4	F		2-6
5	Sa	Japanese Culture, Nikko Trip P-T Meeting (G6)	X
6	Su		
7	M	Committee, Emergency Evacuation Drill	5-6
8	Tu	Social Studies Field Trip (G6)	3-6
9	W	4-pr. Day	X
10	Th	Student Assembly, School Family Lunch, School Family Recess	4-6
11	F	4-pr. Day	X
12	Sa	School Opening Anniversary	
13	Su	Minato City Disaster Prevention Drill (Roppongi JH)	
14	M	Club	4-6
15	Tu	G2 Town Exploration (2, 3 period)	3-6
16	W		X
17	Th	P.E. Assembly (G1, 2, 3), Ms. Hoshiyama Visit	4-6
18	F	P.E. Assembly (G4, 5, 6) Art Exhibit	2-6
19	Sa	Art Exhibit	X
20	Su		
21	M	Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings ①	X
22	Tu	Speech Assembly, IP-TM ②	X
23	W	Labor Thanksgiving Day	
24	Th	Speech Assembly, 4-pr. Day (not G5) New G1 Health Exam	X
25	F	Music Appreciation Class (Suntory Hall), Pre-Nikko Health Exam (G6), IP-TM ③	X
26	Sa		
27	Su		
28	M	G6 Nikko Trip ④	4-6
29	Tu	G6 Nikko Trip ⑤, School Lunch Taste Test (G1 Parents and Guardians)	3-6
30	W	G6 Nikko Trip ⑥	X

November's Goal

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Cooperate and See Things Through to the End

"Which is necessary for success, effort or intelligence?" A researcher argues that people do not succeed based on a high IQ or a favorable academic history alone, but "grit" is also key. Grit is persevering over a long period of time, until the very end, in order to accomplish a goal. No matter what intelligence or knowledge remains sleeping inside children, if they cannot be exercised continuously over a long period of time, then they cannot fully wake and blossom.