



The Anniversary Assembly and Ceremony

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The school's 110th Anniversary Commemorative Assembly and Ceremony were successfully completed. For the Commemorative Assembly, all the children gathered in the gymnasium at Roppongi Junior High School. It was great seeing all grades in celebratory moods as they gave fine presentations and enjoyed the trivia quiz. There was an overflow of celebration from the children for our school.

In contrast, Grades 5 and 6 represented the student body at the ceremony and performed a splendid expression of joy in front of our many guests. After the ceremony, several guests commented that it was a wonderful ceremony, that the children were very expressive, and that they were very moved even though they do not have children attending the school. I myself do not have children attending Higashimachi, but I was quite moved. The children really did their best.

Human Rights Week

We observe Human Rights Week from Monday, December 4 to Sunday, December 10. During this period, children need to learn about the significance of human rights in a way that is appropriate for their age. Throughout the week, we hope to raise their awareness of human rights and the importance of respecting human rights.

Higashimachi addresses bullying from the same perspective as human rights.

In particular, we would like to work on creating a school where bullying does not occur and is not tolerated. In order to achieve this, it is important for each and every teacher to create engaging classes. At our school, teachers create opportunities to observe each other's classes in order to create lessons where children interact and learn from each other while recognizing their classmates' strength through practical exercises.

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	F	Jump Rope Month begins Assembly	—
2	Sa	Saturday School	—
3	Su		—
4	M	Morning assembly, Human Rights Week begins, Committees, Safety lesson	—
5	Tu	Planetarium fieldtrip (G6), Social Studies fieldtrip (G3)	G3/4
6	W	4 periods	—
7	Th	P.E. assembly, IPTM 1	—
8	F	Evacuation drill, IPTM 2	—
9	Sa	Open schoolyard	—
10	Su		—
11	M	My School PR Competition (G4)	—
12	Tu	IPTM 3	—
13	W	IPTM 4	—
14	Th	Music assembly, IPTM 5	—
15	F		G5/6
16	Sa		—
17	Su		—
18	M	Clubs, Music Appreciation lesson	—
19	Tu		G3/4
20	W		—
21	Th	School lunch ends, Student assembly	G5/6
22	F	4 periods, Jump rope month ends	—
23	Sa	Open Schoolyard	—
24	Su		—
25	M	Closing Ceremony, 4 periods	—
26	Tu	Winter vacation begins	—
27	W		—
28	Th		—
29	F		—
30	Sa		—
31	Su	New Year's Eve	

December's Goal
Let's appreciate our friends' merits.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

In December, students will practice evacuating in the event of an earthquake.



Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is Monday, December 4. The lunch will be pirozhki from Russia.

December's Open Schoolyard

Saturday, December 9 12:00 – 15:00

Saturday, December 23 12:00 – 15:00



Grade 4

Grade 4 Teachers

"It's beautiful. I'm looking forward to decorating them."

On Friday, November 17, florists from Hibiya Kadan taught the children how to arrange flowers as part of their flower education activities. The children enjoyed considering the flowers' size, height, and coloring as they worked on them.

The fourth graders, representing the school, had time to ask questions to the florists about flowers and their thoughts on flowers. They will compile what they learned during the interview and present it to the other grades.

On Monday, December 11, school representatives from Grade 4 will participate in Minato City's "My School PR Competition" to present about the flower arrangement activity as one of Higashimachi's merits. They will present a poster of their work at the Minato City office.



Small Math Class

Akemi Suzuki

Math Instructor

Math classes from Grades 3 to 6 are organized into groups according to the content of each unit as well as the interests and proficiency of each student.

1. Why is math taught in groups?

Math is a highly systematic subject, and if a student has trouble and falls behind, it can affect their progress in subsequent lessons. Therefore, it is important to keep the classes small in order to evaluate each student's ideas, identify any difficulties, and provide customized instruction. We aim to improve the basic academic skills of each student by making sure the lesson content is firmly established.

2. How are groups organized?

Groups are formed based on the students' abilities on a readiness test and then are divided into 3 groups (2 homeroom teachers and the small-group instructor) or 4 groups (3 homeroom teachers and the small-group instructor) for grades such as *yukkuri*, *nobi-nobi*, and *gun-gun* (standard, semi-advanced, and advanced, respectively). The number of students in each group differs, and we use different learning problems, assignments, and teaching methods to suit each group. In addition, the teachers of the groups in charge are also interchanged. We will continue to support the students to build up their learning by devising teaching materials and tools according to the interests and concerns of each student.



Jump Rope Month

P.E. Events Committee

Every cold day reminds us that winter is in full swing.

Despite the cold weather, many children at Higashimachi Elementary School can be seen playing outside in high spirits.

Every year, the school has a Jump Rope Month in December. This year, both individual and group jump ropes will be included.

For the individual jump rope, each child will have targets to meet on a short jump rope card that they will work on during class and recess.

The group jump rope will be practiced in class and during a long jump rope morning assembly, where children from different grades will interact with each other in their *family asobi* groups.

Please prepare an individual jump rope at home by the end of November. Please also remember to adjust the length of the jump rope and to write your child's name on them.

We would like the children of Higashimachi to have fun while improving their physical fitness so that they will be able to greet the New Year full of energy and enthusiasm.

We appreciate your cooperation.