



Experiencing and Practicing

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In mid-June, the 6th graders went on a three-day field trip to Hakone. Through this experience, they learned not only about the nature and history of Hakone but also gained valuable lessons through group living and activities, such as following rules and manners and acting with consideration for one another.

There is a well-known saying: "I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand." While the exact origin is unclear, this closely resembles a teaching by the Chinese philosopher and Confucian scholar Xunzi: "Not hearing is not as good as hearing; hearing is not as good as seeing; seeing is not as good as knowing; knowing is not as good as doing." This expresses the importance of hands-on experience and developing the ability to put knowledge into practice.

Currently, the 1st and 2nd graders are growing plants as part of their life studies. Each child is responsible for one pot, taking care of it and observing its growth. Through experiences like caring for plants and observing them with various senses, they gain insights and learning that cannot be obtained from textbooks or videos.

At Higashimachi, we value learning through experience so that what students have learned becomes firmly established and their learning can deepen further. In the future, we will continue to have learning activities outside the school in the community, and invite community members as guest teachers. We want to create opportunities and environments where children can encounter real things, learn through experience, and then apply what they have learned in the future.

Summer vacation will begin on July 21. I hope it will be an opportunity for each child to challenge themselves with various activities and experiences that are not possible during school days, leading to personal growth. I also wish for everyone to stay healthy and avoid serious injuries or accidents and spend the break safely.

July's Goal

Let's Organize Our Things!

※Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

※Please see the Higashimachi website for the school newsletter, grade newsletter, and lunch menu. Paper versions are available upon request.

Date	Day	Events
1	Tu	Committee ④, Safety lesson, Roppongi JH experience afternoon (G6)
2	W	B schedule 4 periods
3	Th	Evacuation drill ④ (group dismissal, 5 th period)
4	F	
5	Sa	PTA Waterplay Schoolyard, gym 9:00-16:00
6	Su	
7	M	Morning Assembly, Color vision check (G4), Club ④
8	Tu	Color vision check (G4)
9	W	B schedule 5 periods
10	Th	G3 Social Studies Field Trip (Summit Store 2 nd -4 th periods)
11	F	G3 6 periods ③, Family Asobi ②
12	Sa	
13	Su	
14	M	Morning Assembly, G6 Inner-city swim meet
15	Tu	Reserve day for G6 Inner-city swim meet, Azabu Library class (G4, 1 st -3 rd periods)
16	W	B schedule 5 periods, G5 pool with clothes (3 rd & 4 th periods), Pool ends
17	Th	Last day of school lunch
18	F	B schedule 4 periods, Closing Ceremony, Reserve Day for Emergency Pick-up Evacuation Drill
19	Sa	
20	Su	
21	M	Marine Day, Summer Vacation starts
22	Tu	Summer Pool ①, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings ①
23	W	Summer Pool ②, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings ②
24	Th	Summer Pool ③, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings ③
25	F	Summer Pool ④, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings ④
26	Sa	
27	Su	
28	M	Summer Pool ⑤
29	T	Summer Pool ⑥
30	W	Summer Pool ⑦
31	Th	Summer Pool ⑧

Notices

Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings

Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held for 4 days from July 22. We would like to share about your child's studies and time at school in term 1 as well as what to expect in from their growth in the near future.

Summer Swim Lessons

This year's summer swim lessons will be from July 22 (Tue.) to July 25 (Fri.), and 28 (Mon.) to August 1 (Fri.). **To participate, students must submit an application beforehand and receive the summer pool card.** Details will be provided later.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights day will be Thursday the 10th. The lunch that day will be handmade pizza and minestrone soup from Italy.

*Applying for Smile Room and SNA (Formerly Learning Support Assistant) *

Special Education Coordinator

We are now accepting applications for Smile Room (for the third term), which provides classroom instruction to help students overcome or improve their difficulties in daily life and studies.

Parents who are not currently receiving such support and who wish for their child to attend the Smile Room, please consult with your child's homeroom teacher, school nurse, or vice principal by Monday, September 8. We are also accepting applications for SNA (formerly learning support assistants), who provide individual support to supplement weak areas during group instruction in class.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or if you have any questions.

Higashimachi Festival

Special Activities

This year, the Higashimachi Festival will be held on September 26 (Fri.) from 1st to 4th period. Grade 1 will be customers, and Grades 2 to 6 will be both shopkeepers and customers, playing in various shops set up in the school. Each class is currently preparing for their shops so that they will deepen their interactions with students from different grades through this activity. The whole class will discuss the kind of shop they want to set up and think of creative ideas to make their shops enjoyable for everyone. We hope families can talk about Higashimachi Festival at home and support your children's success.

In-School Teacher Development

Research Director

The faculty at Higashimachi is dedicated to regularly researching and training in order to further develop their educational techniques and adopt appropriate methods to suit the children's individual needs.

Part of this training includes in-school development. This year's theme can be translated as "Raising children who enjoy the fun and joy of sports through learning ball sports." Development of this theme will be practiced through ball exercises in P.E. class. We hope the results of our research and development will be effective in other subjects as well.

Classes that have teacher development lessons will stay at school longer than other grades. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

Grade 6 Hakone Trip

Grade 6

Grade 6 went to Hakone from June 10 (Wed.) to June 13 (Fri.). In addition to their usual committee and class duties, the children also actively worked on their field trip duties. We could clearly see them thinking concretely about what the overnight event would be like.

It was raining when we left, but we were able to see Odawara Castle without getting rained on, the start of 3 days of luck. The hike along the old road was a short course to avoid the cobblestones that had become wet from the previous day's rain, but we were able to experience the path that people walked in the past.

More events are waiting for them, and we hope they will utilize each experience to their advantage in the future and become leaders of Higashimachi Elementary School.