



A New Step Forward to the Next Stage

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The tulip bulbs planted by the first graders have begun to sprout and are slowly growing taller each day. The goldfish and medaka in the school pond are becoming more active as the weather grows warmer. In the latter half of February, every grade has been practicing for the Grade 6 Send-off Assembly. Both the changing season and the atmosphere in our school remind us that the end of the school year and graduation are quickly approaching.

Over the past year, the children have grown in many ways. Through daily lessons, field trips, learning with guest teachers, school events, and time spent with friends, they have learned valuable lessons through experiences and relationships with others. As teachers and staff, we have been continually encouraged and inspired by their growth and their smiles. We believe that this growth is supported by loving families who provide a sense of security, community members who warmly watch over them, and the many friends who share their school days.

We have now entered the final month of the school year. We hope each child will reflect on the past year, recognize their own growth, and look ahead with dreams and hope as they move on to the next grade or school. We will continue to support every student as they take a new step toward the next stage. As a school, we will also reflect on this year's educational activities and make plans for the coming year so that we can provide even better learning experiences for our students' smiles and success. We will continue to foster an environment where children feel safe to take on challenges without fear of failure and where they can recognize and encourage the efforts of their friends.

On March 24, our sixth graders will celebrate their graduation, bringing their six years of elementary school to a close. This year, 80 sixth-grade students have served as leaders of Higashimachi Elementary School, guiding younger students through committee activities, club activities, family group activities, and school events. We sincerely hope they will carry pride in what they have learned here as they move on to the next stage and continue to shine in the future.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and community members for your warm support and cooperation throughout the year. We look forward to your continued support in the years ahead.

Date	Day	Events
1	Su	
2	M	Morning Assembly, Committees①, Safety lesson
3	Tu	
4	W	5 periods
5	Th	
6	F	
7	Sa	
8	Su	Minato City Rugby Lesson
9	M	Morning Assembly
10	Tu	
11	W	5 periods YOKU MOKU MUSEUM Collaborative lesson (4-1, 1 st -4 th period)
12	Th	YOKU MOKU MUSEUM Collaborative lesson (4-2, 1 st -4 th period)
13	F	G3 6-period day
14	Sa	
15	Su	
16	M	Morning Assembly
17	Tu	YOKU MOKU MUSEUM Collaborative lesson (4-3, 1 st -4 th period)
18	W	5 periods
19	Th	
20	F	Vernal Equinox Day
21	Sa	
22	Su	
23	M	Graduation practice, last school lunch
24	Tu	Graduation Ceremony
25	W	Closing Ceremony
26	Th	Spring Vacation begins
27	F	
28	Sa	
29	Su	
30	M	
31	Tu	

March's Goal

Let's wrap up the year!

[Notice]

The results of the 2025 School Education Survey and the School Evaluation, conducted last December, are now available on our school website. We will carefully review the results and use them to improve our educational activities in the coming school year. Thank you very much for your cooperation.



Evacuation Drill

The March evacuation drill will not be announced in advance. Students will practice listening to the announcement and remaining calm during the drill.

Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony will be held Tuesday, March 24. Grades 1 to 4 will not have school that day.



Closing Ceremony

On Wednesday, March 25 the Closing Ceremony will be held and the students will bring the academic year to a close.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Tuesday, the 10th. The lunch for that day will be handmade *nikuman* and Chinese style corn soup from China.

Grade One

Grade 1 Teachers

The red and white plum blossoms are in full bloom, and the peach buds are beginning to swell, signaling the arrival of spring.

In early February, we held the New First-Grade Parents' Meeting. Meanwhile, our first graders are preparing to move up to second grade.

Looking back over the year, the first term was full of new experiences, and the students often felt nervous as they adjusted to school life. By the second term, they had become more comfortable and began showing eagerness to take on new challenges. In the third term, they started to understand that following school rules and caring for themselves, their friends, and their surroundings leads to a better school life and many have begun to act positively on their own. As teachers, we have truly noticed and appreciated the growth of each student throughout the year.

We are deeply grateful for the support you have provided at home.

We hope the students can continue to enjoy the remainder of the school year to the fullest.



Art Class

Art Specialist

This year, we held our exhibition, which takes place once every three years. We would like to say a big thank you to all the families and community members who came to see it. Your kind words made us very happy and proud. Through the exhibition, the children explored many kinds of art, improved their creative skills, and created artworks that truly show who they are. In their group projects, they also learned the joy of working together and helped create some amazing large-scale pieces as a team.

...The Evolution of Creative Expression...

Over the past six years, our students' creative activities have changed greatly. In particular, our current grade 4, 5, and 6s experienced art lessons during COVID-19, taking part in online classes and using tablets to create their work. Online, we connected the art room with students' homes, appreciated one another's artwork, waved to each other on screen, and shared our ideas. We are also grateful to parents who came to pick up materials after school and supported their children's learning at home. Some students even created full-length stop-motion animations at home and proudly presented them online. Although there were many limitations at the time, it became a valuable opportunity for each child to sharpen their creativity and sensitivity.

Today, in our art classes, students can choose ICT drawing tools to expand their forms of expression. Because digital tools make it easier to revise their work, more students are willing to experiment without fear of mistakes. They are also able to visualize their thinking and deepen their learning.

We will continue improving our lessons as we imagine our students using their creativity and imagination to build a bright and colorful future.

From the Educational Counsellors

Head Educational Counsellor

There are less than 20 school days left in the third term. How have the children grown over the year?

At school we provide not only a summary of their learning but also encourage them to reflect on their school life since April, reflect on what they have learned, and provide daily guidance to help them enter the new school year with renewed enthusiasm.

Spring vacation is the time to prepare for the new school year. Please prepare so that your child can begin the new school year in a positive way. Check and organize school supplies, write your child's name on their supplies, and replenish missing items as necessary.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your cooperation throughout the year.

