

About the School Performance

Music Teacher Mr. Keiichi Hadanaka

November 17th and 18th is the school performance. The 17th is student viewing day and the 18th is family viewing day.

Since we entered this month every class is practicing almost every day for the day of the performance. Seeing them do their best to practice their lines, and remembering all the words to the songs, we can tell they are in full school performance mode. Not only is the moment they are on stage important, but their patient attitude, the upper graders ability to adapt and work the lighting, and the work behind the curtains is very important. It will be the first time they cooperated on their own for all the work in order to put on a good presentation. We will teach them that not only acting and singing well is important but that they come together as a class on one stage and show what great children they are.

This year the number of students has increased and parent seating will be set up accordingly, but we expect confusion the day of performance. While being considerate, let's all make this school performance an enjoyable one. Thank you for your cooperation.

About Small Group Math Classes

Math Teacher Ms. Akemi Suzuki

The aim of small group math classes has to do with making small groups to promote children's understanding and extend their mastery. Children's interest and concern depend on detailed instruction while perfecting and developing their academic ability.

Grades 3 to 6 take a readiness test that allows teachers to grasp how much the students understand. The students are separated in easy, normal, and advanced classes, and taught in 3 courses (2 HRTs and 1 math teacher) and 4 courses (3 HRTs and 1 math teacher).

The knack to teaching new material is to make sure that it is subjective and interactive enough to deepen learning (active learning). In math, by starting out with their own idea, using diagrams and equations, and while interacting with their friends and finding good points, they are creatively thinking of ways to deepen learning.

Each child's understanding and interest depends on the materials and tools that are creatively used to promote learning and stimulate academic improvement. Also, at the beginning and end of the term, "Tokyo Basic Drill is used in order to grasp and sustain basic academic abilities.

※Tokyo Basic Drill is available for home study on the homepage. Please use them.

Hakone Trip

**6-1 Teacher Ms Shizuka Muramatsu
6-2 Teacher Mr. Hiroshi Kurokawa**

From September 26th to the 29th, the 6th graders went on a field trip to Hakone. They realized that this trip was different from the 5th graders' summer trip to Hakone because they will be "learning," and before departing they researched the area and clarified what they were to study. The trip's activities took place over 3 days. This year they choose one of 4 courses to experience. Each course was about what they had previously studied, so they were able to gain a deeper understanding through experiencing it.

On these 4 days, they were able to experience nature, history and more. By sleeping and eating together with friends, they realized the importance of being considerate to each other.

The 6th graders goal is "solidarity." As the highest grade in the school, they are aware of this word in their daily life. After finishing this big event, we have seen how much the 6th graders have grown. They are doing their best to lead Higashimachi as 6th graders.

The Schools' 104th Anniversary

Vice Principal Mr. Junichiro Miyajima

This is Higashimachi Elementary School's 104th anniversary. The "east town" of the school's name was born from being on the east side of Zenpukuji's main gate. On April 1st 1913 (2nd year of Taisei), on Zenpukuji's east side, gate construction of "Higashimachi-jinryo Elementary School" began. 7 months later, on September 24th, a two-floor, 25 classroom, wooden school was completed. At last, on November 14th, the school's opening ceremony was held. The first principal, Mr. Shintaro Nishimura, spoke about "Whatever it is, do your best" with the students. From that time Higashimachi Elementary Schools motto was "Do your best." For the past 104 years, of course, all of the children, parents, and members of the community have followed the school motto, "Do your best."

In April 2012 (24th year of Heisei) the International Program began, and the 1st grade students from that time are now 6th graders. These promising young 6th graders are set to hand down Higashimachi Elementary School's tradition of teaching children to "do their best" in this international society, where there are many people from many different countries