

Notice: Our school's homepage has an English version. Please go to the Osaki town homepage.

野方っこ10月【英語版】 Nogatakko

Nogata Elementary School
October 2, 2008, Vol.10



~ "Developing individuality" ~

Principal Koichiro Sonoda

"You do well in Social Studies and Math, but not in Japanese and English. You will do well on the entrance exam like this."

This is one scene at the guidance counselor, before I take the entrance exam. I think my weak point is Japanese (especially reading & speaking).

At the same time, I am reminded of my homeroom teacher saying, "Your child gets good grades in all subjects, but is a bit too passive in class. If would be good for him to participate more actively by raising his hands or expressing himself."

I think we always find fault with a kids, and say "study hard."

Even if there is no fault, we often find fault and say "study hard at . ." We may have this habit, and we have to educate child this way.

Well, 21st century is the "individual century", "Developing individuality" is one of a major goals in the education world. It is incorrect to think that individuality means encouraging selfishness.

Individuality is one's strengths and could create a more harmonious life for all of us.

It's very important to encourage a kid to develop by praising their good points and when they do well.

Even if a child who doesn't do well in school or sports has a good point in him. The kid who looks after younger students at field trips may discover own way as a welfare or care worker.

We have to find our kids' personalities (good points and behaviour), then we want to see through they try to develop it.

New ALT Andrew has started teaching

New ALT Andrew who was introduced in August has begun teaching. First, he introduced Miami where he was born. Next, he played games involving yarn and a "bomb". All the students had a great time playing games they'd never played before.

During break time, the 1st graders had a good time welcoming the new teacher, climbing his back, and even showing him around the school.



Sports Day in fall has ended ~



~ Thank you for all your help

On Sun, September 28, Sports Day was held. The slogan chosen was "Let's try to reach everyone's spirits towards the sky" written by 6th grader, Kazuma Yamashita.

Due to bad weather, some programs were changed, But we carried out an impressive Sports Day full of vitality.

Sadly we had to cancel a family event due to rain.

Many people offered to help in setting up and cleaning up on Thursday and Sunday.

Your help was greatly appreciated.

It seems more like fall every day. We hope our students will do their best at Track & Field Events on Thu, 14 October. We really thank appreciation for the Sports Day has ended.



Earthquake Drill

Earthquake Drill class with the Soh Fire station was held on Wed, September 10th. All kids took quick refuge under before study.



We learned the four "don't" ;1) Don't push,;2) Don't run;3) Don't talk;4) Don't go back.

October Goals

【Lifestyle Goal】

Let's get organized

【Health Goal】

Let's take care of our eyes

【Reading Goal】

Let's think about books we want to read and try to understand long passages



Awards and Congratulations ! Japanese Composition Contest in Osaki

【Special】3rd grade Koshiro Yamashita;

4th grade Yamato Okamoto; 6th grade Kazuma Yamashita;

【Awards】1st grade Ayato Yoshitomi;

2nd grade Taisei Nakatugawa; 5th grade Kenshin Ichitubo;

Social Studies Contest in Soh district

【Highest Awards】5th grade Kenshin Ichitubo;

6th grade Ren Okamoto; Yasuhiro Takenouchi; Takeru Kojo;

【Special Awards】4th grade Yamato Okamoto;

Osaki Town Sports Day Slogan Contest

【Honorable Mention】6th grade Kazuma Yamamoto;

Baseball Tournament in Soh district

【2nd Prize】Nogata Children's Baseball Club

October School Events

Wed,10/1 Parent & Kids Reading Class

Sat,10/4 Nogata Festival at 15:50 Sanserite Nogata

Thu,10/7 Physical Exam.(1st ~ 2nd grade)

Wed,10/8 Physical Exam.(3rd ~ 4th grade)

Thu,10/9 Physical Exam(5th ~ 6th grade) Club activities

Fri,10/10 Multi- generational grand golf; Tachiono student exchange

Sun,10/12 Sports Day in Osaki 8:30 at Tanaka Grand

Thu 10/14 Track & Field Events

Wed,10/15 Suginoko Counseling ~ 10/17

Fri,10/17 ALT Exchange; Track & Field Events (spare)

Wed,10/22 School Excursion(6th grade) ~ 10/23

Thu,10/23 Fall School Excursion

Fri,10/24 School Closed(6th grade)

Sut,10/25 Family computer class 13:00

Wed,10/29 School Lunch Payment ~ 10/31

Fri,10/31 ALT Exchange