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野方っこ 12月【英語版】 Nogatakko

Nogata Elementary School
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~ Wheat Treading ~

Principal Koichiro Sonoda

"Wheat Treading" ~ Little do we see it nowadays, but ages ago, we often used to see it in many a field. It was a particularly Japanese scene.

It was a cold, windy but sunny day. I saw farmers walking sideways to tread wheat at the field where it began growing. Then I wondered, "Why do the farmers tread wheat that has just budded?" and "Why is today such a cold day?"

Now I know that, it was so the wheat would grow up strongly.

The seeds are planted in November, and the wheat begins to bud during the cold winter months.

Treading wheat protects against the roots being pushed up by ice, or the soil being blown away by the northern winds.

It is said that by treading wheat, the plant becomes firmly rooted, the blades grow high, and the stem becomes stronger.

When the wheat's blades and stem get hurt, it creates a plant hormone called "Ethylene".

This hormone is quite effective at strengthening the stem, controlling the plant's growth, and increasing the number of roots and its offshoots.

The skylark has begun making a nest in wheat field at spring, the wheat growing enough with the big stem and many blades. When the first summer season that call "Bakusyu", harvesting wheat has started at the wheat field which color is golden.

While the act of treading wheat may seem harsh, it is done for it to have a better future. Much like a farmer treads his wheat, so to must parents do to their children. Sometimes they must be tough and strict, other time, gentle and kind.

Although not exactly the same as treading wheat, parents should tell their children, when scolding that it is for their own good. Of course, it shouldn't be overdone. It might do more bad than good!



"Human Rights & Social Equality Week"

"Human Rights & Social Equality Week" will be from Dec.4, Thursday ~ Dec.10, Wednesday. During that week, we will carry out research in order to stop bullying. Human Rights class will be held for all grades and the students thought deeply about Human Rights.

If you are having a problem regarding bullying, please call our school.

TEL 478 - 2005

《Notice》

North Korean Human Rights Week (Dec.10 ~ 16)



Open House Week in Osaki



【1st & 2nd grade : Autumn Festival】

Open House Week in Osaki was held from Nov. 4 ~ Nov. 7. Our school held an open house, and asked you to fill out a questionnaire about your thoughts on the school. Thank you very much for coming.

Home town Education Support Project



【5th graders making crafts with Straw】

【1st & 2nd graders making crafts with nuts and pine cones】

On Friday, Nov.7th and 28th, several classes participated in the Hometown Education Support Project with the help of local community members, all the students worked to create their own arts and crafts.

The fifth graders worked with straw they grew themselves. The first and second graders used pine cones and various types of nuts to make their crafts.



Multi-Generation Exchange (5th & 6th grade)

Multi- Generation Exchange class with members of Nogata Ikiki club was held on Friday, Nov.28th. At first, many kids were at loss. It was their first time making dumplings, but under good guidance, they made many dumplings that were delicious. They had a very good time during lunch time.

December Goals

【Lifestyle Goal】

Let's help each other

【Health Goal】

Let's keep our surroundings clean

【Reading Goal】 Let's make a reading list for winter vacation



Awards and Congratulations !

Welfare Composition Contest in Osaki

【Special】 2nd grade Ayano Hattori; 5th grade Miho Fukumaru;

Health Slogan Contest in Sho district

【Awards】 2nd grade Reina Taniguchi;

Baseball Tournament in Koguma Fighter's Cup

【B part 2nd Prize】 Nogata Children's Baseball Club

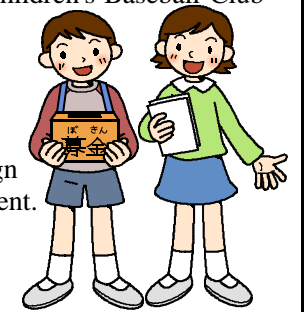
"Red Feather"

Fundraising Campaign

Middle of December, "Red Feather" Fundraising Campaign were carried out by kids represent.

Thank goodness total ¥6,652.

We really appreciate your help and cooperation.



December & January School Events

Tue,12/2 Club activities

Wed,12/3 ALT Exchange, Cross-country healthcheck, Reading Class

Fri,12/5 Cross-country Meet, PTA

Fri,12/12 Cross-country (spare day)

Sat,12/13 Christmas Family computer class 10:00

Wed,12/24 Closing Ceremony, General Cleaning, Home room

Thu,12/25 Winter Vacation ~ Wed,1/7

Fri,12/26 Break begins for teachers

Thu,1/8 Opening Ceremony, Safety Patrol in school zone

Thu,1/15 Academic fundamentals test (5th grade) ~ 1/16

Fri,1/16 School visitation, PTA, Entrance explanation meeting



We show the results of "National Academic Achievement Exam" that was carried out in April. Please turn over.