



It feels like early summer in the air. The Nakayoshi preschool children's completion and graduation ceremony is coming soon.

I feel very happy about the children's remarkable growth through this year. When I go to the young children's classrooms, the children who did not say much before now say, "Good morning" and come to greet me. In the classrooms and the hallway, there is a lot of artwork such as colorful paintings of birds and butterflies made on construction paper. Our children say, "Let's play together" and respectfully play with friends. There are also the bigger children who move fast and shoot a basketball through a hoop one after another. I have seen, heard, and felt the children's growth. There has been so much growth, I can't write it all.

We live far away from Japan; therefore, we may feel more wonderful about Japanese culture and customs. I hope the children who are graduating from the Nakayoshi preschool will cherish what they have learned from our school and have fond memories. In addition, I hope that the children who are advancing to the next grade will continue to learn a lot from their teachers and friends.

To the parents/guardians of the graduating children, I am grateful for your understanding and cooperation. I hope that your child continues a healthy growth. To the parents/guardians whose children will return next school year, we eagerly await your child's continued growth and look forward to your continued support.

Director Keiko Damiata

Messages from the Teachers

Daily 2-year-old classrooms

Looking back over the past year, our children separated from their parents/guardians, played with teachers and friends, and laughed with each other. Sometimes they got into a fight, but always apologized afterwards. By spending time on many projects, we think that the children learned about sharing, taking turns, walking side-by-side, doing things by themselves, asking for help, and so on. We are looking forward to their continued growth next school year.

Daily 3-year-old classrooms

Our children have grown significantly over the past year. They learned the importance of having friends. They cherished creativity and they were able to make individual work. They became interested in Hiragana letters through play. In addition, they are looking forward to moving to the next grade.

Daily 4-year-old classrooms

We are practicing for the upcoming graduation ceremony. Regarding to learning new songs, the children who are able to read Hiragana letters hummed by looking at the lyrics. We feel their growth because they can rapidly memorize the lyrics. We hope that the children will continue their Japanese education at home from now on.



Saturday 3-year-old classroom

"What color are strawberries?" or "What color are rabbits?" Our children have learned many colors through foods and animals. We have painted big rainbows. The rainbows have many colors that our children like. Now they are able to sing loud and well.

Saturday 4-year-old classroom

Our graduation is coming soon! We practice songs and words of farewell. The children of Kiku-gumi are in a relaxed way and full of energy. We hope that the children will be able to speak more in Japanese. Good luck in kindergarten!

To the PTC Representatives

We would like to give a thank you to Ms. Yoko Godinez (PTC president), PTC representatives, Ms. Mieko Bilbrey (daily representative), Ms. Stacey Toyooki (Saturday representative) as well as PTC class parents. They organized many fun events this school year.

We purchased the ice cream shop, a basketball hoop (young children also can play with it), food toys for the house play, helmets, and construction paper organizers using the PTC membership fee that all our families contribute to every year. The children enjoyed playing store using the new toys; as well as playing basketball outside. Thank you very much for your support.



Children are playing at the ice cream shop.

To the GBC Volunteers

We would like to say thank you to Mr. Tsuge, Mr. Imada, Mr. Miwa, Mr. Nakamura, Mr. Yuki, Mr. Iwamoto, Mr. Nishida, Mr. Nishihira, and Mr. Yokota for your volunteer service this school year. They made wooden shelves for teachers and a wood board for graduation ceremony, assembled new tables and adjusted old tables, replaced fluorescent bulbs, planted flowers in the playground, and supported other things. In addition, Mr. Nakatani, the Church advisor, supported us with an audio system at the Sports Event.

June School Calendar

June 11 (Mon) Daily classes

Fun Jump

June 15 (Fri) Daily classes

3rd Semester ends, Graduation Ceremony

No classes in the afternoon

June 16 (Sat) Saturday classes

3rd Semester ends, Graduation Ceremony

Pizza Party

June 25 (Mon) ~ Aug 17 (Fri) Daily classes

Summer Session



July School Calendar

July 4 (Wed) Daily classes

Independence Day **School Closed**

July 6 (Fri) Daily classes

"Tanabata-Matsuri" (Star Festival)

August School Calendar

August 2 (Thu) Daily classes

"Watermelon Breaking" Game (Fun Day)

August 13 (Mon) Daily classes

Obon Carnival Clean Up **School Closed**

Important Announcements

Ms. Shoko Cilano, who has been working with us for two years, is leaving our program at the end of August. Thank you for your dedication and working at the 2-year-old classroom (Risu-gumi) as an assistant teacher.

1) There will be no classes in the afternoon on June 15th (Friday) after the 3rd semester ends with the graduation ceremony.

2) School will be closed on August 13th (Monday) due to the Obon Carnival clean-up.

3) Teachers, classmates, and class names may change in September. Regarding name tags, please use the ones that you were given last semester for this coming summer.

School Year 2018 - 2019 Starts:

Daily classes - September 5th (Wednesday)

Saturday classes - September 8th (Saturday)