

# December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Fureai Month Assembly Committee	3	4 Kanji Perfect Test	5 Keisan Perfect Test	6 Hyakunin Isshu	7
8	9 Morning Assembly Children's Summit (G5) Graffiti Removal (G3)	10 Tatewari Assembly UNICEF Fundraiser (~12 <sup>th</sup> )	11 Kanji Perfect Retest Art Field Trip (G1-2) Club	12 Keisan Perfect Retest Art Field Trip (G1-1) Parent-Teacher Conference	13 Hyakunin Isshu	14
15	16 Morning Assembly Music Appreciation Class (G5)	17 Music Assembly	18 Kanji Emergency Drill (Stranger Danger)	19 Keisan	20 Hyakunin Isshu	21
22	23 School Lunch Ends	24 Safety Instruction	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Closing Ceremony	26 Winter Break Begins	27	28
29	30	31				

## December Goal "Wash and gargle after playing"

- Always gargle after recess and cleaning time.
- Greet others in a friendly way.



# 南山小学校 School Newsletter

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## Things I Want to Consider with the Students Things I Want to Explain to the Students

Beginning from 1949, the Ministry of Justice and the National Human Rights Federation established the period between December 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> every year as "Human Rights Week." During this time, human rights organizations and groups work together to make appeals to masses on the meaning and importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as popularizing and promoting the ideology of human rights. At our school, we strive to incorporate the advancement of human rights awareness among students and school faculty throughout the year and in every aspect of our academic activities.

### 【Everyone Plays a Leading Part in our School Play】

At the school play the other day, I heard many heartfelt encouraging comments from families and community members such as "The performances moved me to tears," and "I felt energized after seeing the students perform." Thank you very much.

Throughout their practices, all of the grades embraced the values of "mutually recognizing the qualities of oneself and others" and "establishing the message to be conveyed in the play." It is during times of hardship that it is most important for everyone to come together (One Team) and brainstorm creative ways to solve problems. Even when a student's time on stage was short or their lines were brief, those were the moments when each and every student became the leading character. For the sake of those moments, the students practiced time and again in preparation for the final performance by thinking about how to say their lines, how to act out their parts, and cooperated with their classmates.

On the day of the play, both the performers and the audience shared in their joy together, and with their hearts together as one our school became the Nanzan Theater. The school play is an event which reminds us of one of the principles for the respect of human rights, which is that "We must always recognize both our own importance and the importance of others simultaneously."

### 【Human Rights Initiatives】

As part of the endeavors for "Fureai Month" in November, all the classes in each grade held morals classes around the themes "relations with people" and "relations with groups and society."

Every class will present their thoughts about bullying and teasing at the morning assembly (December 2<sup>nd</sup>). I look forward to seeing what the endeavors and contents are for their presentations in accordance with their developmental stages.

### 【Children are the Mirrors of Adults】

A TV special that features actual outtakes and mishaps from dramas and sporting events that are NG (No Good) is always broadcast around the end of the year. This TV program has high viewership and it is very popular.

In my household as well, we watch this program every year, but from the time that my child was young, we always watched it with a certain promise in mind. "Everyone is doing their best. From the beginning, no one tries or does anything with the intention of making mistakes or failing. This TV program is a collection of mistakes and failures that have been edited together to make them interesting and it is intended to make the viewers laugh. So, after you watch this show, when one of your teachers or classmates makes a mistake or fails at something even though they're trying their best, you must not laugh or make fun of that person." This is the promise that we made.

Watching a TV program together can be enjoyable, but we should be careful of not misleading children about the appropriate way to watch and think about it.

The year is drawing to a close, and we would like to thank you once again for all of your understanding and cooperation with our school's academic activities. We look forward to your continued support in 2020.

