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Knowing Others, Knowing Yourself ~ December 4 to 10 is Human Rights Week~

"Think about it from the anime "Doraemon".

Nobita in Doraemon is a child with low self-esteem (the feeling of accepting oneself as one is). In general, when a person has low self-esteem, if they make a mistake or get angry, they become very depressed and find it difficult to move on.

Nobita's mother often uses words of instruction and command, such as "Do _____" and "Don't _____. Nobita's mother may be trying to "discipline" him, but I sometimes find that her words do not resonate with Nobita. Doraemon encourages Nobita by saying, "It's okay if you fail," "Try it," "Don't worry," and "You can do it. Thanks to this encouragement, Nobita manages to take action, and as a result, he succeeds or fails. When he succeeds, Doraemon says, "Nobita, that's good," and is sympathetic to Nobita's feelings. When Nobita fails, Doraemon does not blame Nobita.

The way Doraemon and Nobita treat each other makes me think about how I should treat the students.

"How to convey a message"

When you praise a child for completing a task, you are only acknowledging the result of the task. If the child cannot do something, he or she may think that he or she is not good enough. If the child's willingness and effort to do something important is acknowledged, and if there is encouragement from others that it is okay to fail, the child will be motivated to try again. It is also important to acknowledge that doing things that are common sense as "amazing". The accumulation of such experiences will give children a sense of security that there is always someone looking out for them, and will give them the power to grow. By not only saying "You're doing a great job," but also using yourself as the subject and saying "I'm happy," to your child they will feel confident that his or her actions have made others happy. When scolding, instead of saying, "You are... (in an angry tone)...", use yourself as the subject and say, "I am sad..." The child will reflect on the fact that their words and actions are making others so sad.

"Wishing for the healthy growth of the students"

Raising a child is not as easy as it seems, even if you only try to make your own child a good boy or girl. Watching over your child's friends and nurturing them together will lead to your child's growth. In other words, the better your child's friends are, the better your child will be. Children's society is a daily friendly competition. There are many good qualities in every child. It is the role of the family, school, and community to find those good qualities, make the child aware of them, and give him or her confidence.

I hope that we can continue to have families, a school, and a community that enjoys raising children who are energetic, bright, honest, and have wonderful smiles. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation in our academic activities this year. I look forward to working with you again in 2022.

145 Anniversary Assembly "Egao yo Tsuzuke Go Nanzan!"

Special Events Division

This year is the 145th anniversary of Nanzan Elementary School, and to celebrate the 145th anniversary, we held an aerial photo shoot, "Welcome Senpai", "145th Anniversary Assembly", and a balloon release.

For the "Welcome Senpai" event, graduates of Nanzan Elementary School came to talk about the history of the school and their school life at that time, including school lunches and activities that they did. The students were interested in the differences between the past and present, and listened to the talk with enthusiasm and asked questions. At the "145th Anniversary Assembly", the students went around to different areas in their *Tatewari* groups. The students listened carefully to the leader of the group, a 6th grader, and enjoyed getting to know students from other grades. Afterwards, we had a balloon release in the schoolyard. The sight of the whole school releasing the balloons was breathtaking. The students said, "It was a sight I will never forget. "The balloons looked like the Milky Way and rainbows, it was beautiful. The aerial photo that was taken was distributed as a souvenir file,

so please take a look.





Aerial Photo

Welcome Senpai





Orientation

GIGA School Coordinator

The GIGA School is an ICT-centered environment proposed by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to realize optimal individualized learning and cooperative learning that will bring out the potential of all children who will live in the future. The use of ICT has become a part of daily life in every part of society, and PC terminals have become a necessity along with pencils and notebooks.

About GIGA School

GIGA=Global and Innovation Gateway for All (gateway to global and innovative politics for all) We use tablets for math studies at our school, depending on the content. Through the ability to share ideas on the tablets, we have been able to promote learning that is mutually beneficial and allows the students to expand and deepen their own ideas. It is great to see that everyone is able to express their opinions and discuss them at length. In addition, the use of tablets for drill learning has enabled students to learn according to their own progress and interests.

In order for students to be able to use the ICT appropriately and safely, it is essential for the school to cooperate with families and pay attention to the health of the students. Appropriate guidance is needed to prevent children from becoming victims or perpetrators of crimes on the Internet, such as password management, usage time, visiting websites, posting images and videos on the Internet, and chatting. We will continue to provide guidance on how to use tablet devices at school, but we also ask that families discuss how to use the Internet and smartphones on a daily basis with the safety of their children as the top priority.

December Calendar of Events

- 1 (Wed) Fureai Month Presentation
 - 2 (Thu) School Trip (G6)
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Individual P-T Meetings 16 (Thu) ~ 23 (Thu)

- 13 (Mon) Evacuation Drill
- 15 (Wed) Club
 - 24 (Fri) Closing Ceremony

December Goal

Reflect on the Year