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Reflection

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This summer, I went to Tokyo. At that time, I rode on the train. On the train, I heard the happy voices of families and children because it was summer vacation.

On the train, a parent was looking at their child with concern and asked, "Are you finished with your homework? There are only about 10 days left of summer vacation. Are you going to be okay?" I heard the parent checking on a child who seemed to be an upper grade elementary school student. The child replied, "Huh? Is there already that little time left? It is very shocking for me. My book report and drawing weren't even started. My diary was only written up to end of July, and my science study was only half-done...". After hearing the conversation between the parent and child, I became concerned. The mother said "The homework is fine. It's not a big deal. What's more important is that we could all get together and travel like this."

The child said while mumbling, "Summer vacation is short, and I have a lot of homework". Then mother said "Summer vacation is not short. I always say you should do it right away."

Unlike Kagoshima, this seemed to be a school where summer vacation was shorter. So it might have been a situation where the child thought, "I was able to put effort into my homework," and felt proud, just like their parent did. I also remember being a child who barely got my homework done on time and got scolded by my mother at the end of August.

People know what they have to do in their daily lives, but sometimes they make convenient excuses like, "I only have a little time, so is it okay?" and get lazy. Making convenient excuses is an act that easily brings out a lazy side. If you get used to this, you will become a person who can only do things half-heartedly, and a good idea may not even come to mind.

Therefore, you might be able to find good ways to deal with things and have a richer life by getting your posture in order and facing things directly when you get that feeling. However, once a person gets used to being lazy, it's difficult to fix. You'll likely just make excuses and put off things without calmly and carefully judging the situation. In the end, not putting off things you don't like requires you to be patient and calm. Perhaps the best thing is to listen to yourself from an early stage and take action, rather than putting it off. If we do not have this kind of awareness, the situation will not turn for the better, and we cannot deny the possibility that by the time we realize it, we will be in a situation where we cannot do anything about it. Before we fall into an irredeemable state, how do we encourage ourselves and raise our motivation? That is the great driving force for accomplishing things.

It is end of August. I wonder if that child on the train was able to finish their summer vacation homework and go to school. We haven't exchanged words, but I feel a sense of closeness because their past overlaps with mine.

As young people who will bear the burden of an uncertain future, I sincerely hope that they will finish this homework called "self-reflection" early and become adults who can act

70th Makurazaki City Baseball Tournament

We worried about Typhoon, but we held 70th Makurazaki City Baseball Tournament on July 26 and 27. At this time, 8 teams of elementary schoolers from 3 different school districts entered the tournament. Those teams did very well.

Champion Beppu team

Second Ohori & Shimonohara team

Third Twaratsumita & Nakahara team
Makurazaki-nishi team



Summer Educational Consultation Meeting

The Summer Educational Consultation Meeting was held from August 4th to the 7th at Makurazaki Civic Centre. At this time, 44 students' parent(s) and teachers joined. In this meeting, parents and teachers learned how to professionally assess if students are placed in the correct class for the student's learning needs. It is important for students to be placed in the appropriate classes to ensure their learning isn't impeded. Therefore, students and their parents have to talk with each other deeply to judge which class is right for them.

To keep safe students' School route

On August 5th, we had a meeting to keep students' daily walk to school safe with some road managers who were from the city and prefectural government. This meeting started from 2012. In 2012, there were many traffic accidents during commuting to and from school.

On that day, we checked dangerous places, where each school reported as dangerous point(s), together. We will think about keeping students' school route safe.



34th Bonito Fishing Adventure

Despite a typhoon forming around Okinawa, we planned the 34th Bonito Fishing Adventure. Unfortunately, these plans had to be canceled due to large waves caused by the storm.

We also made an event where people could experience cooking with bonito. But this event was also canceled because of a typhoon. 9 junior high school students had signed up but they unfortunately could not participate.



Brush up Seminar for Teachers

On July 31st, we made a brush up seminar for Makurazaki City teachers.

In this seminar, two teachers, who went to another prefecture to see advanced seminars or schools, talk about how put those skills into practice.

Also we had an educational lecture. At this time, we invited Mr. Shinichiro Tsuji who is an associate professor at Kagoshima International University. He talked about "How to realize in each school Japanese education in Reiwa style?" We learned and got much tips for our school education. We hope teachers accept those hints for setting up their classes and improve their students' abilities.



~Special Support for the Series~About Developmental Disorders

Developmental disorders refer to disorders such as pervasive developmental disorders (autism, Asperger's syndrome, etc.), learning disabilities, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (based on the Act on Support for Persons with Developmental Disabilities). Other similar disorders also exist, and most appear by the age of 18.

These are not the types of disabilities that allow for entry into special support classes. However, many of these individuals require support in their daily lives and learning, and many people are struggling. Therefore, even without a formal diagnosis, if you are struggling with this kind of thing, please consult with the school.