北九州市立浅川中学校の取組

本校は、平成28年度より北九州市教育委員会から「英語教育リーディングスクール」の委嘱を受けています。本校は北九州市の英語教育のさらなる発展に向け、「即興的にやりとりを行う」ことができるよう先駆的に研究をしています。具体的には、週4時間の英語の授業のうち1時間を「リーディング」クラスと位置づけ、適切な「目的・場面・状況」の中で学習したことをアウトプット(話したり、書いたりして表現すること)する活動を行っています。例えば、このホームページでも紹介されているように、「浅川中学校をALTの出身のカナダの中学生、校区の小学校やホームページで紹介しよう」(以下の英文参照)というものや、「新しく福岡県にやってくるALTに福岡の観光マップを作ろう」などの取組を行っています。

昨年度からは、国立教育政策研究所の教育課程研究指定校事業(2年次)としての指定を受け、「多様なグローバル社会の中で積極的にコミュニケーションを図り、自分の考えや気持ちなどを即興的に英語で表現できる生徒の育成 ~正確性を高めるためのパフォーマンス課題とアウトプットの指導を通して~」をテーマに、生徒が即興的な英語でやりとりする力を身に付けられるよう、日々授業に取り組んでいます。

Welcome to Asakawa Junior high school

When I entered Asakawa JHS, I had been looking forward to my new junior high school life for a long time. Our school has many good points, so let me show you our school.

Hello! How are you? We are Asakawa junior high school students.

We will talk about Asakawa junior high school. Please read about our school.

Our school is in Kitakyushu City. It's thirty six years old and it's the number one big school in Kitakyushu city. Our school has many cherry blossoms. They are very beautiful and pink!

We have nine hundred students. We use school uniform every day.

We have our Asakawa bags. They are useful. We have many good friends, so we are very happy. We have about sixty teachers. They're very friendly. How many students in your school?

We have very nice greetings. We greet every day. We want to be number one in Japan. So, we can make people smile.



We walk to school. We go to school at about seven fifteen because we have morning practice. So, we are sleepy. Many students get to school before eight twenty. It's busy. What time do you get to school?

We have reading time every day at eight thirty. We read books from 8:30 a.m. for fifteen minutes. I have been reading a mystery novel recently. It was written by Miyabe Miyuki. I think we need "reading time" because we can focus on reading and it makes us smarter. We like books, so we like reading time. Do you like books? What books do you like? Our school has a big library. There are many kinds of books in the library. I sometimes go there. We can borrow only three books at a time. It opens three times a week.



We have six classes. Our school starts at eight thirty and finishes at four o'clock.

It's a fifty-minute class. We have a ten-minute recess between classes. Then we prepare for the next class.

But I think 15-minute recess is better. We study nine subjects. English, art, math... and more! We can write, read, and speak English a little. They are interesting. How many classes do you have? How many subjects do you have?

Our school has an original school mascot. Does your school have a mascot? His name is ASAKAWAUSO. It's a boy, maybe. It's an animal character. He's an otter. He's very cute, right? He likes cleaning. He has a green ribbon and tawashi in his hand. We have green ribbons. It means no bullying. We don't have bullying. We don't fight. Green ribbon is a peace symbol. We like ASAKAWAUSO. We have a happy school life. Everyone smiles and enjoys school life.



浅川中学校のマスコット 「あさカワウソ」

Our school has school lunch at one o'clock from Monday to Friday. It's very delicious. We have many kinds of school lunch. We don't have a cafeteria. We like curry and rice! We can't choose our favorite food, but we always eat healthy food. School chefs think about our health and use nice food made in our city. We sometimes bring our lunch. Thanks to them, we enjoy our lunch! What school lunch do you like? Which do you like, school lunch or boxed lunch?



Asakawa junior high school is beautiful because we have clean time at one fifty.

Me? Of course, school lunch.

We clean our classrooms every day. I didn't like "cleaning time" when I was an elementary school student. But, I like it now. We have a special clean style. We use "tawashi." It's used when we clean the hallway and the stairs. Maybe only Asakawa students use it. My teachers always help us clean. Do you remember ASAKAWAUSO? He likes cleaning. Our school is famous for tawashi cleaning. We use tawashi. It's a Japanese brush. It's very useful. We clean hallways with it. So, we can clean very well. It's a very nice culture. Do you have clean time? Do you use tawashi during clean time?

Our school has many clubs. It has twenty two! We have many sports clubs and many cultural clubs. We have basketball, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, art, chorus and so on. Our baseball club is number one in Japan! It's very strong. By the way, I'm in the kendo club. Our school has kendo and judo rooms. We practice kendo and judo. If you don't like sports, you can enjoy culture clubs. By the way I'm in the track and field club. Practicing it is hard, but we can learn many things. We are supported by many people such as our parents and teachers. Because of Covid, I don't have any practice games now. So I'm sad. I'm in the art club. We can learn how to draw well. My art teacher always encourage us. Also, we can do our best in each place. All clubs look interesting. How many clubs do your school have? What club are you in?

Our school has a student council, too. There are 21 students and 6 teachers in the student council. We have a general meeting next month. All the students gather at the gym and talk about our school rules.

We have school events. We have Sports Day and School festival. We enjoy them. In September, we have Sports Day. The traditional event in our Sports Days is "Onawa", long rope jumping. We jump the rope with all of our classmates, we help each other and make a good friendship. My favorite event is the "class-relay" We practice hard. We wear "Hachimaki" We have our own class color. So I wear a yellow "hachimaki" We practice very hard. It's interesting.



In School festival, there are many pieces of art made by students. I made a key chain and a coaster last year. I think a drama is the best in our festival. It makes us excited. I especially like seeing other classes' flags. We can see 25 flags in the gim. Each flag has colorful and cool designs. However, we didn't have a normal School festival because of Covid. So we couldn't sing in the gym altogether. So we tried "hand crapping" for the first time. It was very difficult, but a lot of fun.

Which do you like, Sports Day or School festival? We have a class flag. We have nine different class colors. Look at our flags. We draw our flag pictures. By the way, what color do you like? Our class flags are very cute. Do you have any class flags?

Also, we have *Hyakunin Isshu* tournament in January. It's very difficult, but it's fun.

The 3 nensei students go to Kyoto, Nara and Kobe. I envy them. I want to go there.

The 2 nensei students go to Nohaku in Fall. I want to eat delicious food and work hard.

The 1 nensei students go to *Fureai* Camp. It was interesting.

All school events were cancelled because of Covid this year, so we were very sad. I have never been to Kyoto, so I'm looking forward to going to Kyoto someday.

By the way, what school event do you like?





Asakawa junior high school is interesting, exciting and very fun because our school has many kinds of people! We love our school. We enjoy school life! Do you want to come to Asakawa junior high school? Do you have any questions?

I want you to come to our school. Thank you for reading.

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