

5th and 6th Grade English

Daiichi Elementary School

Daiichi Elementary School is doing a lot of English in and out of class. As the school leaders, the 5th and 6th grade students also are showing the lower grades how to study English at Daiichi Elementary School. My philosophy is that in order to create a learning



environment that allows students to be exposed to English the most, class time alone is not enough. Daiichi Elementary School and its 5th and 6th graders are excelling in and out of the classroom and that is what I would like to write about this month.

One of the big things that we do in Daiichi Elementary School that is unique is the greetings. Every Friday morning, the 5th and 6th Grade students on the student council gather by the entrance way and greet all of the students and teachers in English. The greetings are all in English and they are very genki.

All day, on Friday, whenever the students enter the teachers' room, they must do their greeting in English as well.

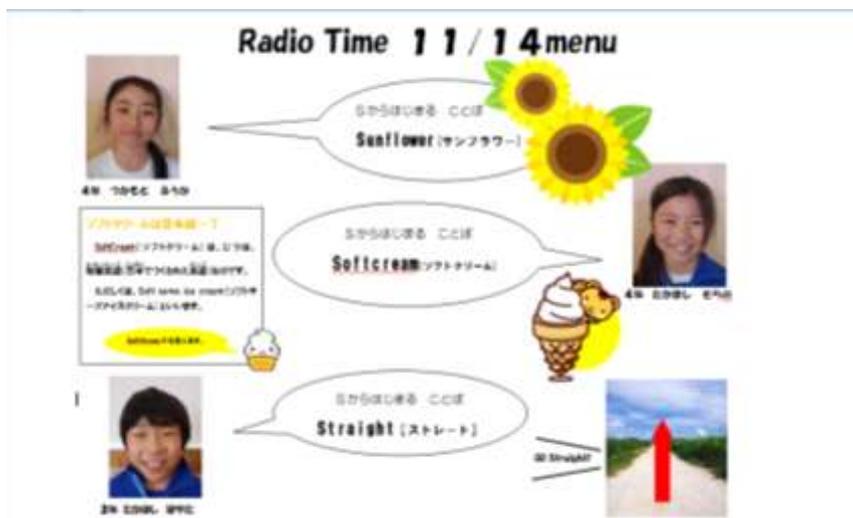


When they enter the teachers' room, the students say "Good morning. Excuse me. My name is ~~~." When they leave the teachers' room, they say "Thank you sirs." If they

forget their chopsticks, they must write their name in English.

Sometimes, the younger students forget to say things in English but the 5th and 6th graders do it naturally and smoothly.

Also, we have a weekly radio show at Daiichi during the lunch hour called “Radio Time!” and each week we call 4 guests from the school



to help lead the school in learning new words and phrases in English.

The vast majority of the 6th grade and a large portion of the 5th grade have joined the radio show this year and they are being excellent leaders in and out of the classroom.



In class, the 5th graders are working from the Hi, Friends 1 textbook and are progressing very well. If anything, the textbook is maybe too easy for many of the students. Whenever we do a new lesson, they students learn the material very quickly and are able to start to use it naturally. They are learning the phrase “What’s this?” and are using words that they know in English to describe words that they



maybe do not know how to say otherwise. It’s very good practice for them because they do not know all English words and learning to communicate with the words that you do know is very important.

In the 6th grade class, the students are learning about time and how to say things about their daily life. They are learning to say numbers from 1 to 60, the number of minutes in an hour, and learning to use that to explain at what time they do something. The previous chapter in the textbook, Hi, Friends 2, was on what country the students wanted to go to and why. They had to all do a presentation in English.



The presentation day was on Halloween so they students did their presentation in their Halloween costumes. It was very interesting and the students all did a good job. They all spoke very clearly and fluently and truly conveyed where they wanted to go to with their original reasons for why they wanted to go there.



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I hope the students at Daiichi Elementary School continue to enjoy learning English and maintain the confidence they have about speaking English as they go on to junior high school, high school, and beyond.

Let's enjoy English!

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