



A-JIS MEGURO

Monthly Newsletter
September, 2022



WELCOME

Welcome everyone to Aoba Japan International School Meguro Campus! This is our first monthly newsletter (August and September).

Each month we will send a newsletter to all our families at our school. This newsletter will present what happened over the past month from K2 to K5. We hope you will find it informative and enjoy reading it!

Important Dates

Oct 4 & 5 - K4/K5 swimming will start this week

Oct 7 - K4/K5 families to visit Hikarigaoka and Bunkyo

Oct 12 - K4 Potato digging (*more details to come*)

Oct 14 - "Bookish Friday" Book Sale on campus (*more details to come*)

Oct 17 - 21 - Autumn Break

Oct 28 - Meguro Autumn Celebration (Halloween)



2 years old - Lucas & Kao

3 years old - Michika

4 years old - Aoto, Lino, Hongtong, Rin & Shio

5 years old - Chengning

6 years old - Ikki, Sora

Ms. Sachiko

Welcome K2 families! The K2 children have been experiencing and learning many new things over the past six weeks. They 1) practiced their self-management skills by learning to cope and be away from their parents for an extended period of time, 2) applying research skills to explore their new school environment, 3) eating by themselves, and 4) taking a nap with their friends. They also 5) started building their social skills by playing with friends, showing their way of communicating with other peers and being more confident in new social situations. The children are getting used to the school routines and showing interest in building relationships with their teachers and friends.



K3 children have settled into Morning Glory class and Sunflower class with Ms. Rachel, Ms. Makiko, Ms. Allison and Ms. Casie. A lot of learning has been happening. This includes:



Taking responsibility in taking care of the classroom turtles: Apple & Heart. Making sure they are clean and fed.



Who We Are
Learning about the letters in our names and our likes and dislikes of fruits. Children graphed their results onto a poster. (Maths - Data Handling and Counting Numbers)



Where We Are in Place & Time

Collaborative art in mixing primary colours to form secondary colours. The experience facilitated the children in engaging social skills by sharing, turn-taking, and working together to achieve a goal.

Cooking
Weekly cooking experiences to enhance fine motor skills, reading recipes, understanding measurement, etc.

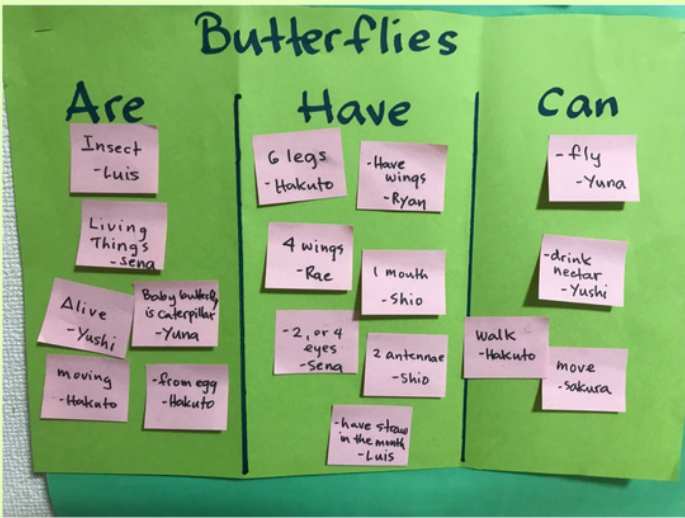


K4 children have settled into Carrot class and Rabbit class with Ms. Erika, Ms. Merle and Ms. Casie. This is what the K4 children have been learning:



Who We Are
Learning about the people in our families and how we build relationship with them.

Learning about who our friends are and collaborating on a grade level project.



Sharing the Planet
Applying research skills to find out about what living things are. Children have shown a strong interest in butterflies and dragonflies. They went for a nature walk and brought a mat and notebook to document what living things they observed.



Learning Stations
Structured learning stations to learn more about literacy, numeracy.



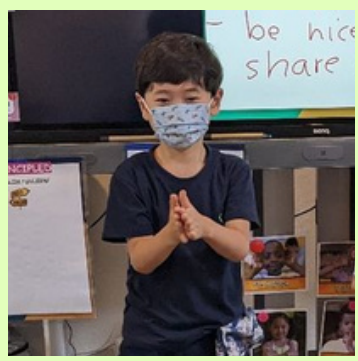
K5 children have settled into their class with Mr. Paul and Ms. Sachiko. K5 children have been exploring their year-long inquiry **Sharing the Planet**. This unit's Central Idea is: Responsible actions may contribute to conflict resolution. Here are some of the things they have explored:



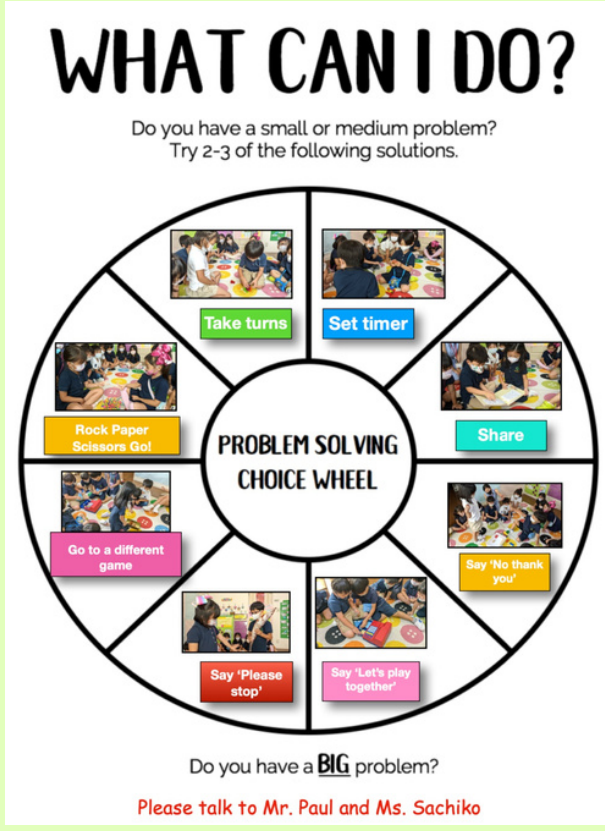
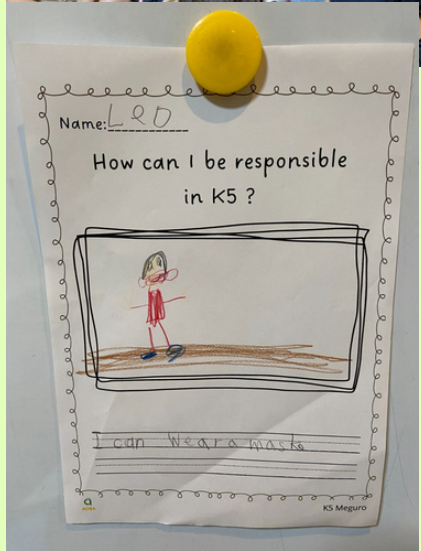
- K5 children collaborated in teams to come up with their classroom Essential Agreements:
- Share,
 - Be caring to friends,
 - Speak English
 - Clean up,
 - Listen to everyone,
 - Be quiet,
 - Say nice things,
 - Wash your hands



Exploring the Learner Profiles "Caring" and "Principled" and coming up with examples and actions to go along with them.



Learning about what it means to be responsible and silly. Children also discussed whether problems are big or small. They created the Wheel of Choices to find out how to resolve their problems independently





K5 children have also been using role play to explore different types of conflicts and coming up with solutions to resolve them.

K5 children have also been reading leveled books and learning addition and subtraction.



Specialist Classes

Japanese, Art, Music, PE , Library and ICT classe.



K2 children have 1 PE class and 3 Music classes each week with Mr. Nobu. The children enjoy learning and singing new songs and engaging in different gross motor skills exercises.



K2 to K5 children have 2 music classes and 1 PE class with Mr. Nobu each week. Now that Autumn is here, the children will be having PE at the park.

K2 to K5 children have 1 library class each week with Ms. Allison. K2 children have been listening to stories relating to their interests. K3 to K5 children have been learning more about the IB Learner Profile from stories.



K3 to K5 children have 3 Japanese classes and 1 Art class each week with Ms. Yasuko. Over this month they have been learning about Mid Autumn Festival and Respect for the Aged Day.



K3 to K5 children have ICT class with Ms. Carolin once every two weeks. Over this month they have started learning ICT skills on the iPad.



The children practiced what to do in case of an earthquake emergency. They learned to hold hide under the table and hold onto its legs. They also walked to the evacuation site located in Sugekari Elementary School.

Thank you Family Community (FC) parents and Homeroom Parents for volunteering this school year. We sincerely thank you for your support.



Homeroom Parents

K2: Mrs. Akitaka, Mrs. Sakata & Mrs. Mochida

K3: Mrs. Izumi, Mrs. Fukunaga, Mrs. Liu, Mrs. Watabe and Mrs. Iwahara

K4: Mrs. Honda, Mrs. Liu, Mrs. Oh, Mrs. Sato, Mrs. Sayama

K5: Mrs. Mukaitani, Mrs. Funakoshi, Mrs. Tamaya and Mrs. Yamaguchi

FC Parents

K2 & K4 Mrs. Ninomiya

K3 Mrs. Kawamura

K4 Mrs. Masuda

K5 Mrs. Kawahara

Thank you FC parents for helping with so many events in September!



- Second hand uniform sale
- Halloween costume sale
- Collecting donations
- Cleaning up our garage (also thank you Sato family)

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Leading Positive Change

K2 Expectations

Ms. Maria, Ms. Joyce, Ms. Lorena, Ms. Allison



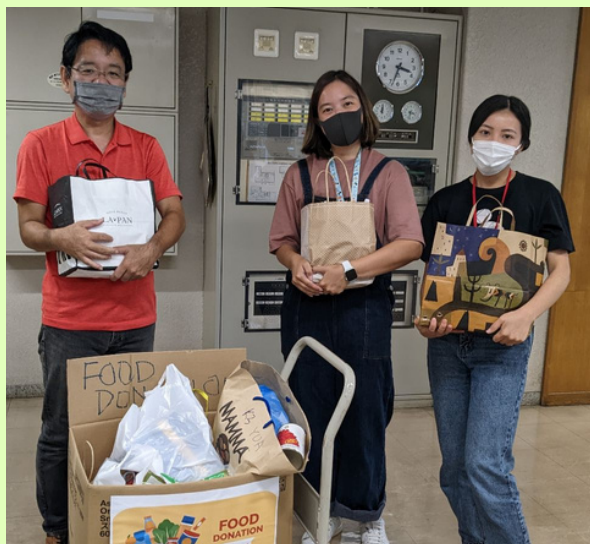
Introduction to Aoba Japan International School Meguro Campus



Recorded Workshops

Thank you families for listening to our recorded workshops:

- K2 Expectations (video & slides)
- Introduction to Aoba-Japan International School Meguro Campus (video & slides translated into Japanese by Ms. Erika)



Food Drive

Thank you families for showing strong community spirit and support by taking action and helping the homeless community.

We will continue to support the Food Drive once every two months.

Library

This is a friendly reminder that the library is opened to families every Thursday from 8:40-9:20. Please come in after you have dropped off your child.

