



MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

How did you spend last year? I think that you had various things throughout the year. Let us give thanks to God for spending safe days.

God has blessed us with a new year. Have you set goals for the new year? Is it about your studies? One of the reasons you come to elementary school is to study. The other reason is to get along well with your dear friends. You want to make your friends happy by greeting them and saying good and kind words. This is very important. You study many things, but the deepest study is to cultivate your "heart. The most important thing is to give words, greetings, joy, and smiles to the hearts of others and friends. God's love is given to our hearts like sunlight and starlight. Let us thank God once again.

D. Tagawa S.M.

★Verse for February

"Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (Matthew 7:12)

★Hymn for February

"Little People"

★Motto for February

"Let's not be discouraged by the cold and play outdoors."

★Safety Reminder for February

"Forsee what will happen to keep yourself safe!"

◆Message from Principal

The calendar has passed the coldest period of the year "Daikan", and we now find ourselves in the midst of the harshest winter season. Every morning, I am struck by the toughness of the children as they energetically make their way to school despite the bitter cold.

The school year now has less than two months remaining. As we approach this time of reflection and conclusion, we are carefully guiding the children in reviewing both their learning and daily school life. We encourage you, at home as well, to express in words your appreciation for your child's efforts throughout this past year.

In mid-January, with generous support from our Parents' Association, we held an art appreciation event. The children had a rare opportunity to experience a full-scale musical performance up close—something usually enjoyed only in a theater—and were truly overwhelmed by the power of authentic art.

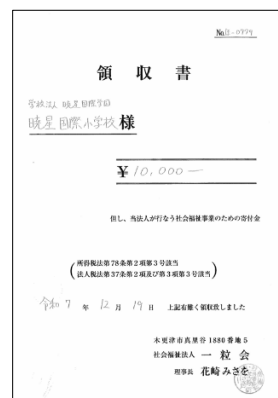
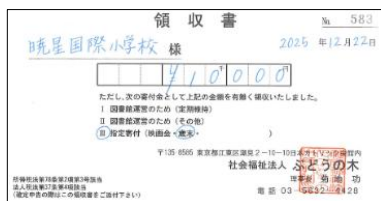
The characters in *The Wizard of Oz*, who continue their journey while having weaknesses and supporting one another with wisdom and cooperation, reminded us of the importance of "loving and helping one another," a message also taught in the Bible. We sincerely thank all those who made this precious experience possible.

As we are moving toward the end of the school year, we pray that each child will continue to walk forward with confidence, allowing their God-given individuality to shine.

The cold days are not yet over. Let us treasure each day as we look forward to the coming of spring.

◆Thank You for Your Christmas Donation

Over the Christmas holidays we were able to collect 85,138yen in donations with your generous support. We remitted them to Caritas Japan, Group home for children Nono Hanano and Logos Braille Library for its Christmas fund.



◆Musical Theater Appreciation

During the 5th and 6th periods on Wednesday, January 14, all students gathered in the gym No.2, where an art appreciation event was held featuring a musical performance.

The performance was the musical, The Wizard of Oz (two acts, 90 minutes), presented by YUMEDAN Co., Ltd., a professional theater company.

During the performance, the students greatly enjoyed the show and were impressed not only by the performers' wonderful singing and dancing, but also by the full-scale stage production, including the sound and lighting. After the performance, representative students presented a bouquet of flowers, and together with warm applause, expressed their gratitude to the performers.

At our school, we hope to continue providing opportunities to nurture students' creativity and to expose them to a wide range of sensibilities and values in various settings.



◆Parents' Day and English Learning Presentation

On Saturday, February 7, we will hold Parents' Day, which will include class observations in each classroom as well as an English learning presentation. Details were sent via MIMAMORUME on Friday, January 23.

Time: 2nd to 4th periods (9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

Program: 2nd Period: Class Observation (All grades)

3rd Period: Class Observation (1st and 2nd grades)

English Learning Presentation (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades)

4th Period: English Learning Presentation (1st and 2nd grades)

Spelling Bee (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades)

Dismissal: 12:55 p.m. (after lunch, all grades)

Others: • Please bring indoor shoes (slippers).

• Write your name in the reception book in each classroom

• You cannot stay in the classroom during the school lunch break.

• If you want to wait for your child to leave school, please wait in the library or cooking room.



◆2025 Music Festival

The Music Festival will be held on Saturday, February 21. It will be held in two parts. The schedule is as follows. Please check the letter and program distributed at a later date.

Time: 1st, 3rd and 5th grades --- Start 9:00, Scheduled to end 10:20

(HR, meanwhile, for 2nd, 4th and 6th grades)

2nd, 4th and 6th grades --- Start 10:40, Scheduled to end 12:00

(HR, meanwhile, for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades)

Time to leave school: After lunch, 12:55

Parents may record the event on the day using handheld cameras only. Tripods are not allowed, and we will not be selling DVDs.

◆After School Study and Play

From Monday, February 9 to Thursday, February 12, there will be no After School Study and Play due to the junior and senior high school midterm holidays. In addition, there will be some other days to cancel it due to other events. Please check the schedule for February on the other side.

This year's After School Study and Play will conclude on Friday, February 27. There won't be any in March.

◆Making Sure of Proficiency Test Levels

In early February, we will distribute a form to find out the most recent levels attained by the students in the proficiency tests such as Eiken, Kanken and Suken. If your child has taken a test at an open center outside our school, please make photocopies of the certificates and submit them to the school with the completed form. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆Standard Achievement Tests

- Period: Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6
- Plus Haut and Regular Course: Grades 1–4: Japanese and Math
Grades 5–6: Japanese, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- International Course: All grades: Japanese only
- Test Duration: 40 minutes per subject
- Important Notes:

Each exam does not affect the annual academic grade of each subject.

Results will be distributed in April of the next school year. Results for graduating 6th graders will be mailed to their home addresses.

If a student misses a test on the scheduled day, it may not be possible to take it later due to administrative reasons.

Fees for the subjects taken will be deducted from students' accounts after the testing period.

◆Maria Boutique

• Maria boutique will be closed on Saturday, February 14 due to uniform fitting and measurements for junior and senior high school. Sixth graders who will be attending our junior high school will receive an announcement at later date with more information. The measurements will be taken in the clubhouse.

• From Monday, February 9 to Saturday, February 12, business hours will be different due to junior and senior high school holidays. It will be open from 9:00 -15:00.

• Let us remind you that students are NOT allowed to purchase items at Maria Boutique on their own. They should be accompanied by a guardian.

• The boutique does not accept credit cards or electronic money. Please pay in cash or by student check. Kindly check the balance of your child's account if you will use a student check or order slip.

◆School PR

We will be participating in the school briefing sessions for private schools.

- Private Elementary School Fair in Chiba:
February 23rd (Holiday, Monday) Venue: Showa Gakuin Ito Memorial Hall
- Joint Private Elementary School Information Session for the Chiba–Ibaraki Area
March 15th (Sunday) Venue: Nikke Colton Plaza
- Christian School Joint Fair (*Booking is required.)
March 20th (Holiday, Friday) Venue: Aoyama Gakuin Junior High School

We hope many people will come to visit our booth and become interested in our school. Please give this information to your neighbors.

◆2025 School-related Personal Evaluation

We requested all parents to complete the school evaluation survey via Mimamoru-me at the end of the second term. Due to the low response rate, the deadline has been extended to Saturday, January 31. Thank you for your cooperation.

In addition, the questionnaire for students was distributed in class at the end of the second term. We also

ask for your cooperation in completing the student survey.

◆About Driving of Cars in the Campus

When driving your own car in the campus, please observe safety driving e at a very slow speed. Moreover, please do not park on the street to prevent congestion and accidents.

◆From the Accounting Office

Today, we distributed the student account statements for December to your child. Please check the details and balance.

Starting with January statements scheduled for issuance next month, you will be able to view them online on the LC Tuition website. Accordingly, please note that paper statements will not be distributed any longer. Starting next month, once statements become available online, it will be notified to you via the LC site email system.

Date	February Schedule	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1(Sun)			
2(Mon)	General Assembly	14:45	-----
3(Tue)		14:45	○
4(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
5(Thurs)		14:45	-----
6(Fri)	Kanji Proficiency Test/KANKEN	14:45	-----
7(Sat)	Class Observation and English Presentation 9:30-12:10	12:55	-----
8(Sun)			
9(Mon)		14:45	-----
10(Tue)		14:45	-----
11(Wed)	National Holiday – Foundation Day		
12(Thurs)		14:45	-----
13(Fri)	Math Proficiency Test/SUKEN	14:45	○
14(Sat)	Maria Boutique closed	12:55	-----
15(Sun)			
16(Mon)		14:45	-----
17(Tue)		14:45	○
18(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
19(Thurs)		14:45	○
20(Fri)		14:45	-----
21(Sat)	Music Festival (9:00 for Grade 1,3 and 5 / 10:40 for Grade 2, 4 and 6)	12:55	-----
22(Sun)			
23(Mon)	National Holiday– Emperor's Birthday Chiba Prefecture Private Elementary School Fair		
24(Tue)		14:45	○
25(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
26(Thurs)		14:45	○
27(Fri)	Last Day of After School Study and Play	14:45	○
28(Sat)	Transfer Exam	12:55	-----
Note	*There will be no after school study and play from the 9 th (Monday) to the 12 th (Thursday) due to junior and senior high school holidays. Also, the opening hours of Maria Boutique will be different. *There will be no after school study and play in March.		