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e-Learning and Social Distancing

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We have been conducting online classes since April 19th, one week later than we originally planned. Not only main subjects such as Japanese, Math, Social studies, Science, and English, but we also held Music, Arts and crafts, and P.E. classes, Ramadan meeting, and Disaster-preventive and safety guidance online. In Japan, online education has not been well-established due to the lack of internet environment and devices. It is amazing that we have established this learning system thanks to the ICT environment and the cooperation among teachers, students and parents who are using ICT. Nevertheless, I really wish this COVID-19 outbreak and confusion will end soon. Amid this pandemic, people are making the earnest effort to cope with this situation all over the world. At the same time, many reforms which make “negative” into “positive” and “crisis” into “chance” are starting in politics, economy, education, cultures and so on. In Japan, those reforms include teleworking, starting online business, e-Learning, discussions of academic year starting September, etc. Those discussions which have been ignored and delayed normally are now focused at this timing.



I am not going to argue the necessity of the reforms here, but I believe it is necessary for us to learn and improve ourselves and change habits during this time, not just being pessimistic and tolerating this situation. The recommendation for reading from the school principal is a great example of suitable learning method in this period. I hope parents also read books and show the way of reading and talk about the story to children. Changing habits is possible at each home. I hope students make a habit of reading voluntarily at home. (When reading Japanese letters is tough, reading picture books is also OK.)

Both school principal and I (Vice principal) are conducting online classes in Japan. I can proudly say that I have progressed greatly in using ICT devices, if I compare with the time I write on the blackboard with chalks, speaking with passion. I went shopping after a long while to buy a touch pen for PC in an electronics retailer. There was a sign for people to secure social distance of 2 meters, and people are wearing a mask distributed by the government or other masks. The distance between Japan and Abu Dhabi is 8,070km (around 12-hour flight). Far enough for social distancing. I am truly looking forward to flying to Abu Dhabi as soon as possible and meet students, teachers, and everyone at school with a proper social distance, and have classes face to face.

COVID-19 Information and Measures at School

There are some cases in UAE that school children and kindergarten kids have tested positive for COVID-19. Normally students' attendance will be suspended in this case. However, based on the situation that we only open for e-Learning, we do not take this measure during e-Learning period.

Please get correct information on COVID-19 and try to prevent infections. (By washing hands, gargling, wearing a mask/gloves, using sanitizer, etc.) If you have any concerning symptoms, please consult a doctor.

【June】

Date	Event
1 Mon	Emiratis meeting
2 Tue	Parent-Teacher meeting
3 Wed	Teachers' meeting
4 Thu	
5 Fri	
6 Sat	
7 Sun	
8 Mon	
9 Tue	
10 Wed	
11 Thu	
12 Fri	
13 Sat	
14 Sun	
15 Mon	
16 Tue	
17 Wed	Teachers' meeting
18 Thu	
19 Fri	
20 Sat	
21 Sun	
22 Mon	
23 Tue	Disaster-preventive and safety guidance
24 Wed	
25 Thu	
26 Fri	
27 Sat	
28 Sun	
29 Mon	
30 Tue	

End of Ramadan in 2020

Ramadan 2020 began 24th April and ended 23rd May. Emirati students were trying their best in their studies even if it was really hard for them because of fasting. We are really proud of them. Moreover, it must have been really tough for guardians too to support them at home. Thank you for your great help. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.



Dates

In the middle of the May, these are trees of date palm in Abu Dhabi Japanese school. Mr. Arashiro took pictures of date fruits which have fallen by the wind. "The date season has come." Mr. Yamamoto said. In Japan, the rainy season is going to start soon, but in Abu Dhabi, it seems to be the start of extremely hot and humid summer.



Cancellation of Kanken test

The 1st Kanken test (The Japan Kanji Aptitude Test), which was scheduled on 21st June, has been cancelled due to this COVID-19 situation. The information about the 2nd and 3rd test will be announced as soon as it is decided.

e-Learning rules

We already instructed students in each homeroom but we would like to remind you that they must not use Recording and Filming functions during lessons. This rule has not been written on "e-Learning rules" we sent you before, so we added it. Please check e-Learning rules once again and keep an eye out for your children not to use Recording and Filming functions, and follow the instructions by teachers.

Online Parent-Teacher Group Meeting

It has been for a month since we started e-Learning. Students have been doing good so far. As we informed, we would like to hold an Online Parent-Teacher Group Meeting this year. The date and place are below. In the meeting, we would be happy to hear your opinions and how students spend their time at home.

Date : Tuesday, 2nd June 2020 Place : Teams used for the class meeting

Time : G1, 2 11:30 – 12:00
G3 - 6 13:30 – 14:00
G7 - 9 14:30 – 15:00

