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SOUTHERN CROSS

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## How to motivate your child

Times flies quickly. The period of "Koinobori" will be finished soon. New G1 students are getting used to school life and have enjoyed studying and sports, and worked hard on 6 times swimming lessons. G7 class welcomed two new students and five students make friendly atmosphere. I hope they will lead the junior students in the school activities with G8 students.

All students are growing up and have enjoyed their school life lively.

I have gotten used to the life in Abu Dhabi. So I would like to issue the newsletter "SOUTHERN CROSS" as I used to issue them in the Japanese school in Peru. I hope you will enjoy the news and the essay.

\***KOINOBORI**....The cloth streamer in the shape of fish (carp). Because carp are taken as a symbol of the strength in Japan. We hang out the carp streamers in May ( 5 May is the children's day ) for wish child's healthy life.



We are supposed to know how to praise the children or we shouldn't scold in that way. But it is difficult to praise children with proper words. Children are tend to be motivated by praise, not by scolding.

I had bad experiences with scolding my daughter.

When my daughter got bad mark in the test, she was wondering she should show it to me or not. And my wife encouraged her. "Don't worry your dad won't scold you." And my daughter got the courage to show the result of test to me. When I saw it, I was wondering I should praise or scold her, and finally I scolded her.

My wife blamed me " You should praise her effort and courage to show it to you." and my daughter also has blamed me " Dad, you discouraged me." I regret even now that I should praise her at that time. So I would like to tell you the timing to praise the child is very important.

I would like to introduce you some useful phrases to have your child be motivated.

## Useful phrases for raising your child

★ "Thank you for your help!" (Show your appreciation to your child)

Not only adult, children are also motivated by appreciation from others.

Show your appreciation to your child clearly for increasing their self confidence.

★ " You did good job on ~" (Praise his/her good point clearly)

When you praise or scold your child, it is important to tell him/her what is good/bad clearly. It will make your child clear what kind of efforts are required.

★ Praise on the spot.

When you see your child are doing something good, praise his/her efforts **immediately** even you are not satisfied with the result. Don't lose a chance to motivate your child.

