

3. School Life

(1) Daily Time Schedule

7 : 30~ 8 : 00	Go to School
8 : 15	Homeroom Meeting
8 : 40	1 st Period
	2 nd Period
	20-minute Break (playing in the schoolyard)
	3 rd Period
	4 th Period
12 : 20	School Lunch (the same lunch is provided to all children and eaten all together in the classroom or in the lunchroom(cafeteria))
	Lunch Break (playing freely in the schoolyard, or reading books in the library)
	Cleaning
14 : 10	5 th Period
	6 th Period
	Homeroom Meeting
16 : 10	Go Back Home

Students walk to school.

One class is 45 minutes long. A class schedule is handed out by the homeroom teacher every week or every two weeks. Check subjects, what to bring and other information every day.

“School Lunch” is considered a educational part of the school life. Students prepare their lunch and clean it up. If they have any food they can’t eat because of allergies or religion, tell the homeroom teacher beforehand. To bring their own lunch is allowed. You must pay for school lunches.

“Cleaning” is also an important educational part in Japanese schools. Students clean the classroom, hallways, restrooms, and schoolyard every day.

Different schools have different schedules and different rules. If you have any questions, ask the school or the homeroom teacher.

_____ elementary school

TEL _____

teacher's name _____

You have to contact the school by phone by 8 o'clock, when children are absent, late, or leaving the school earlier.

☎ 【Example】

“Moshimoshi...1-nen 1-kumi no [name]no haha desu. Kyō wa netsu ga aru node oyasumi shimasu.”

(Hello. This is the mother of [child's name] in the class 1-1.

He/she will be absent today, because he/she has a fever.)



Q&A

Q : In case your child feels sick or gets injured at school.

A : The school nurse examines the child in the infirmary. If he/she needs to leave earlier, your homeroom teacher calls you. You should come to school to pick him/her up. You should tell your homeroom teacher your daytime phone number in advance.

He/She is not allowed to go back alone.

Q&A

Q : Is there any class on weekends and holidays?

A : Basically, there is no class on weekends and holidays, but there are Saturday classes five times in a year in Saga City. Some special events are held on Sunday or holidays. Be careful of the school notice.

(2) School Rules

Things to bring
everyday

- “*Randoseru*” (School Bag) ○ Name Tag
- Security Buzzer ○ Textbooks ○ Notebooks
- Pencil Case
(Pencils, Eraser, Red Pencil, Ruler)
- Communication Book
- Handkerchief, Tissues

Things to bring
on Monday and take
back home on Friday

- Indoor Shoes
- Tooth Brush Set

Students must do the following:

- Go to school every day as scheduled. Don't skip school.
- Follow traffic rules.
- Don't bring to school things not needed for studying.
(snacks, portable game machines, toys, money, watch, cell phone, etc.)
- Wear indoor shoes in a school building.
- Don't put on earrings or makeup.
- Don't stop by on the way home and to school.
- Call friends with ‘*kun,*’ or ‘*-san.*’ Don't call them without any honorific titles.
- Don't post any messages or upload photos or movies on Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube.

Contact your teacher at once in the following cases:

- ▶ When you change your phone number or address
- ▶ When you change your workplace or emergency contacts
- ▶ When you are going back to your country



(3) Subjects (class schedule) 1 class is 45 minutes long.

<p>kokugo 国語 Japanese</p> 	<p>ongaku 音楽 Music</p> 
<p>sansū 算数 Arithmetic</p> 	<p>taiiku 体育 P.E. (Physical education) (Health education)</p> 
<p>shakai 社会 Social studies (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th graders)</p> 	<p>zukō 図工 Arts & Crafts</p> 
<p>rika 理科 Science (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th graders)</p> 	<p>katei 家庭 Home economics (5th, 6th graders)</p> 
<p>seikatsu 生活 Socio-Environmental studies (1st, 2nd graders) Know about nature and the local area, or think about growth.</p> 	
<p>sōgō-teki-na-gakushū-no-jikan 総合的な学習の時間 Integrated studies (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th graders) Try to solve social problems, and work on students' own interest, concern and theme.</p> 	
<p>gaikokugo-katsudō 外国語活動 Foreign language activities (5th, 6th graders) Get familiar with English and foreign culture.</p> 	
<p>dōtoku 道徳 Moral education Learn the moral way of life as a person.</p> 	
<p>tokubetsu-katsudō 特別活動 Special Activities (committee, class, and club activities) Talk and work to make the school and the class better.</p> 	

(4) Belongings

① Things needed on the first day :

☆ Write your name on all of your belongings.



randoseru
○ランドセル
“Randoseru” (School Bag)



suitō
○水筒
Water Bottle



uwagutsu
○うわぐつ
Indoor Shoes



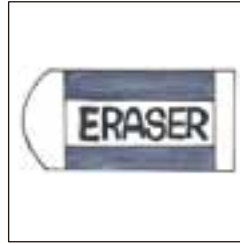
uwagutsu-ire
○うわぐつ入れ
Bag for Indoor Shoes



fudebako
○筆箱
Pencil Case



enpitsu
○鉛筆
Pencils (about five)



keshigomu
○消しゴム
Eraser (one)



aka-enpitsu akapen
○赤鉛筆(赤ペン)
Red Pencil



hasami
○はさみ
Scissors



jōgi
○定規
Ruler



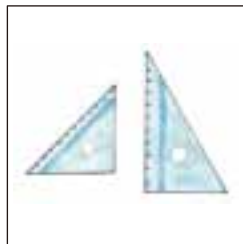
nori
○のり
Glue



iroenpitsu
○色鉛筆
Color Pencils



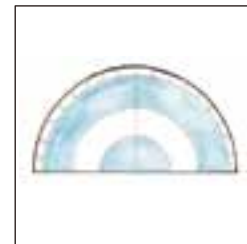
kureyon
○クレヨン
Crayons



sankakujōgi
○三角定規
Triangles



konpasu
○コンパス
Compass
(3rd graders and older)



bundoki
○分度器
Protractor
(4th graders and older)



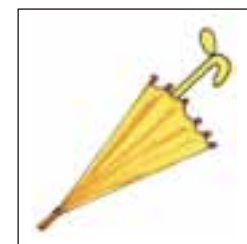
masuku
○マスク
Mask



hamigaki-setto
○歯磨きセット
(koppu, kaburashi, hamigakiko)
(cup, tooth brush, and paste)



zōkin sentakubasami
○ぞうきん(+洗濯ばさみ)
Duster (two pieces)
(+clothespegs)



kasa
○かさ
Umbrella



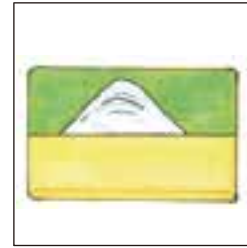
tsukuenohikidashi
○机の引き出し
Desk Drawer



shitajiki
○下じき
Desk Pad



hankachi
○ハンカチ
Handkerchief



tisshu
○ティッシュ
Tissue



taisōfuku
○体操服
Gym Suit



akashirobō
○赤白帽
Red and White Cap



taisōfuku-ire
○体操服入れ
Bag for Gym Suits



bukkubakku
○ブックバック
Book Bag



kenbanhāmonika
○けんばんハーモニカ
Keyboard Harmonica



rikōdā
○リコーダー
Recorder
(3rd graders and older)



enogu paretto fude mizuire
絵の具、パレット、筆、水入れ
Paint, Palette, Brush, Water Bucket

enogusetto
○絵の具セット
Painting Set



shūjidōgu
○習字道具
Calligraphy Tools
(3rd graders and older)



saihōdōgu
○裁縫道具
Sewing Set
(5th graders and older)



mizugi bōshi gōguru basutaoru
水着、ぼうし、ゴーグル、バスタオル
Swimsuit, Hat, Goggles, Bath towel

mizugi-setto
○水着セット
Swimming Set
(swimsuits are specified by the school)



epuron
○エプロン
Apron
(5th graders and older)



sankakukin
○三角巾
Kerchief
(5th graders and older)



bōhanbuzā
○防犯ブザー
Security Buzzer

※Some of these items can be ordered from school. Ask your teacher.