

To the parents

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Ota Board of Education



Your child will soon be entering elementary school and I'm sure that you and your child's hearts are filled with hopes and dreams for the start of life as an elementary school student. It is particularly important for the school and family to cooperate with each other, and for each to play its role well so that the children can adapt to school and live a happy school life after enrollment. Therefore we would like to ask the parents to keep in mind the following things, and to instruct their children about them at home as well before entering elementary school.

1, Children should learn the followings before entering elementary school

〈Basic Behavior〉

Children should

- be able to listen to what others say
- be able to say greetings properly and answer in a loud voice
- be able to sit in their seats properly
- be able to distinguish their belongings from those of other's
- be able to arrange their shoes neatly when they take them off
- be able to arrange their clothes properly
- be able to keep the things on their desk and other personal belongings in order
- be able to go to bed early and get up early by themselves
- be able to eat a good breakfast
- be able to brush their teeth well
- always tell the truth and never tell lies

〈Relationship with Friends〉

Children should

- not leave someone out of the circle
- be able to help their friends if they are having problems
- not speak ill of their friends
- be able to get along well, cooperate, play, and learn with other kids

- be able to play not only by themselves but also play well with others
- be able to go out and play and exercise their bodies to their heart's content
- be able to apologize for their mistakes

2, *Attitude requested of parents and family members*

- Please have children wake up early, and follow a healthy routine

- Please make children have breakfast

- Please praise kids for good behavior and correct bad behavior appropriately

- Please hug and cheer up your child when he/she is feeling sad and show your love for them. Let them know they are important.

- Please don't make assumptions and let's listen to what the children have to say so that they can have a sense of presence and a place to which they belong.

- If asked a question by your child, please do not say "later". Instead, think it through or find out the answer together.

- Try to keep promises with your child.

- Please make a lot of time to communicate with your child. Read books to them and talk to them about various things.

- Please show your child how to do things, let him/her try to do it alone, and praise them if they can do it.

- Please value various experiences and interacting with people of different ages.

- In accordance with their development, please let your child do housework and give them a role at home.

- Try not to be overprotective or intervene too excessively. Let's approach the children as human beings going through a period of development.

- Convenience foods and snacks should be given to an extent at which there is no interference with having a regular meal.

- Let's teach children the necessity of enduring and tolerance.

- Please prepare for coming to and returning home from school by walking to school with your child, confirming where dangerous places are, telling him/her not to go off with people whom he/she doesn't know, and talking about other safety issues.

