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【 Pre-Research Studies have started!! 】

Since April, first graders have learned about the problems of Saijo city from these themes “disaster prevention”, “economy”, “international relations”, and “medical.” Based on the learning in these four fields, they will continue their research on what they want to know and what they should solve in the next semester. This activity is preliminary learning towards the second grade’s “Multi Science I”, and in the second grade, all the students are going to work on the research study for two hours per week for one year.



【 Online English Conversation 】

First graders take a face-to-face English lesson once a month with teachers from Philippines on the Internet. The themes which they have covered so far are as follows.

	Category	Details
April	Daily English	Talk about (school / yourself)
May		Talk about (favorite things / daily routine)
June	Conversation	Talk about (the Internet / food)
July		Talk about (vacation / trip by airplane)
September	Practical English	I can listen to and understand directions.
October		I can read and understand descriptions of people and actions.
November		I can listen to and understand complaints about the weather.
December		I can make suggestions for reducing stress.

< Impressions of the students >

Student A: The more I have lessons, the more fun the online English conversation becomes in comparison with April. At first I was nervous and could only say “Hello.,” “OK.,” or “Thank you.” But now I’m getting active in using “I see.” and “Really?”

Student B: Since the teacher is different every time, the pronunciation of the teachers and the method of dealing with my problems also changes. Under such circumstances, I have come to know how to convey a lot of information to others, and how to make it easier to say what I want to say.

Student C: I’m not sure if my proficiency in English is growing, but I think that I have become able to speak more actively even if I make mistakes. When I talked about my hobby in extra time, I was excited to talk about movies and animation. Before the conversation started, I sometimes thought it would be troublesome, but after finishing it, I always thought that it was a lot of fun.



【 The UK Trip 】

Eighteen students visited the UK from December 3rd and returned safely on the 12th. They experienced various training at British research institutes and local educational institutions such as Cambridge University. Detailed training content and impressions of participating students will be posted in the next issue.

