

Suggestions about language education for children

Children use more and more words in their daily life with their kindergarten teachers, friends, family and people in their community.

They can have a better time if they are capable in both languages, one to communicate with their parents and the other to communicate with their teachers in their kindergarten, friends and neighbors.

So, what should we do for them?

[At home]

1. Let' s make more time to give your children more chances to speak with parents!

- People say that children learn how to speak by watching and imitating the movement of parents' lips. You should show them not only videos or TV, but also you should speak a lot to them face to face.
- Let' s read picture books in your mother tongue with your children! It makes the relationship between parents and children stronger by having a relaxing time reading books and holding your children on your lap. Through reading, the conversation between parents and children become smoother, because children learn a lot of words from picture books. Why don' t you read many picture books to your children before they start school?



2. Let' s have confidence in looking after your child!

- If there are ten fathers and mothers, each one has a different way about looking after child. Why don' t you become acquainted with other parents and exchange with them information and matters about childcare with them? It improves your way.



[turning towards the local community]

- Children grow up in the local community. It' s very important for children to learn many words, the culture and ways of thinking with many people in their local community. At first, join in any events of your neighborhood or children' s groups. You will find a lot of things that your children can' t experience or learn at home. Let' s keep good relationships with your neighbors.



1. Let' s try to visit facilities in your neighborhood!



Borrow books ... Koku Shiminkan (community center, nearby elementary school)

Do sports in gymnasium ... Chiku Shiminkan (community center)

Do exercise ... Koen (park)



It' s very good for children' s health to do sports or exercises. Besides they learn rules and manners by playing with children from other families. Let' s go outside when the weather is good!

2. Let' s join in events held by childcare circles etc.



If you join in events, you can have a good time with your children by doing some exercise, singing songs and reading picture books etc. You also get chances to consult with other mothers about problems or concern about childcare. It' s a good chance for parents and children to make friends. You can check the dates of events in the PR magazines of Toyohashi. Why don' t you join them?

<Preschool>

In Toyohashi, there are preschools for non-Japanese children to learn Hiragana and greetings etc. They are held from November to March every year. Children learn also method to study in an elementary school and it helps his or her studies. Before your children enter an elementary school you can get information from the city hall. Please join them.



If children are loved by many people and get many words from good experiences, they will grow up with kindness.

Someday your child will become an adult and will bring up their own children. We hope that they can do it with confidence. Parents, bring up your children with us together!

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