

Let's make a 4-panel cartoon
Examples of quotes

1. Oh, Look! Acorns!
2. Let's collect them all!
3. Huh?
4. Haha! See you!

We have sent out presents to the winners!



From the participants in our Hiraku survey, we have chosen 50 winners and sent out presents to them! Congratulations to you all!

We look forward to your ideas!

"Hiraku" provides useful information and the latest news related to English and childhood education.

- Your recent interests
- Topics you want us to cover
- New content etc etc...

If you have ideas to contribute, please share these with us!

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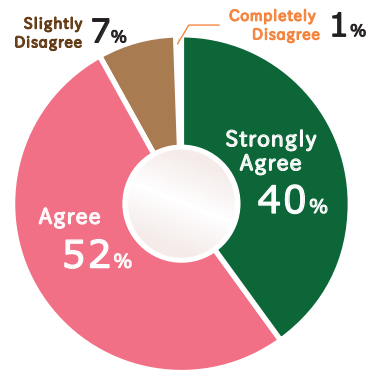


Kinder Kids

Results from our survey asking how we, Kinder Kids, can improve our school management

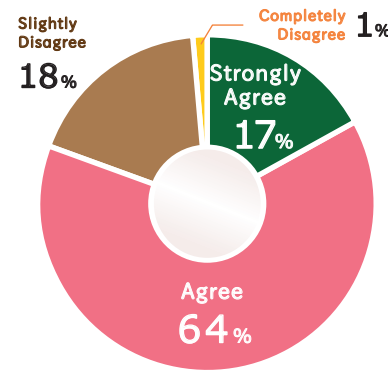
We sent out a survey in September 2020 to the parents and guardians at Kinder Kids. We received 1,353 responses, which amounts to 46% of our entire student enrollment of 2,945 students. We strive to continue improving the quality of child care and education so we can help create a brighter future for all of our children. We really appreciate the feedback, opinions, and words of encouragement that we received from everyone and would like to use it to keep improving.

Q. My child looks forward to going to school



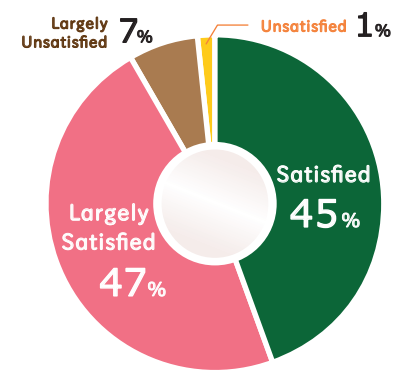
Roughly **90%** of children happily look forward to going to school

Q. My child has acquired basic lifestyle habits, such as greetings.



Roughly **80%** agree that their child has picked up good lifestyle habits.

Q. My child is learning how to be a good member of society through their daily routine and play.

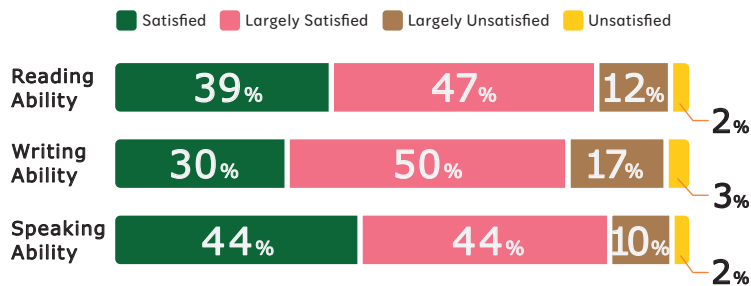


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» Many of our families who are preparing for elementary school entrance exams have asked us to increase our focus on character development. We are putting together new initiatives, not just for the students, but also for parents and guardians.

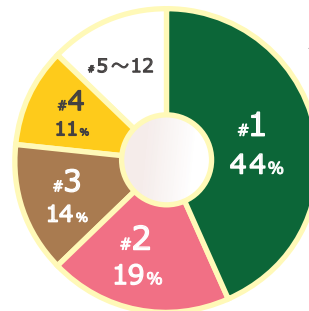
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Satisfaction with English Education



Roughly **80%** of respondents were satisfied with their child's English acquisition

The Top 4 Subjects you want us to focus on



#1 English Speaking Skills

Many families answered that they want more focus on output by the students in English.

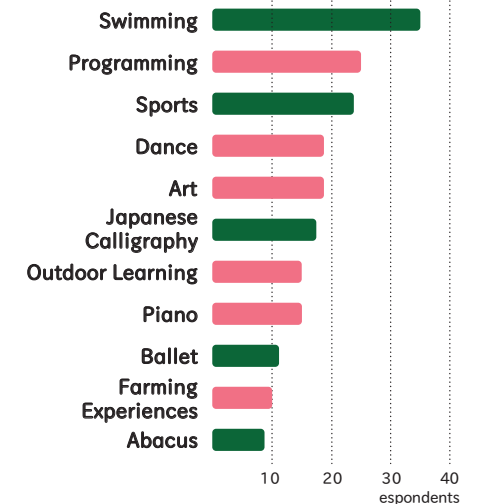
» We will provide various opportunities during Circle Time, Show and Tell, and theme-based learning so the children are given many opportunities to talk to their friends and teachers in English and express their feelings and thoughts.

#2 Gymnastics and Exercise

#3 Programming and Digital Education

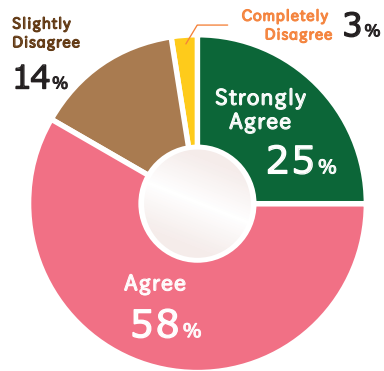
#4 English Reading and Writing Ability

The Top 11 New Subjects you want introduced



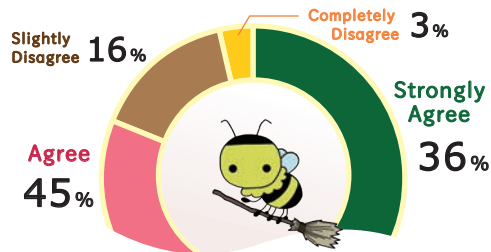
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Q. I believe the school cooperates well with me and my family as a partnership to raise my child.

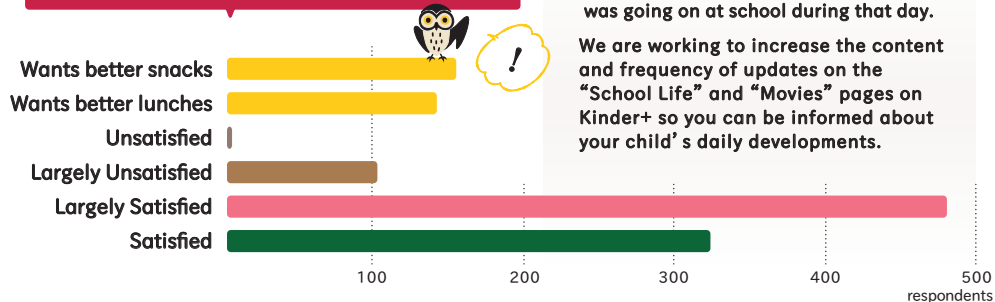


Roughly **80%** said they considered their relationship with the school as a partnership.

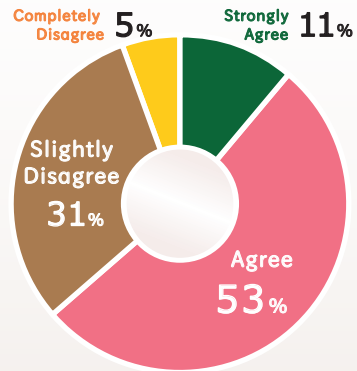
Environmental Hygiene Satisfaction



Satisfaction with Lunch and Snacks



Q. With notices sent home the information is communicated in a way that is easy to understand.



Roughly **40%** feel that it is difficult to understand

1 The information on "Kinder+" is hard to understand

We will be changing from displaying information for all grades, to only displaying information for the grade your child is enrolled in. We are continuing to improve "Kinder+."

2 I want to know more about how my child spends time at school

Since we had to close our schools due to COVID-19, we created a "Feedback" page on Kinder+. There we showcase what was going on at school during that day.

We are working to increase the content and frequency of updates on the "School Life" and "Movies" pages on Kinder+ so you can be informed about your child's daily developments.

Grad Club

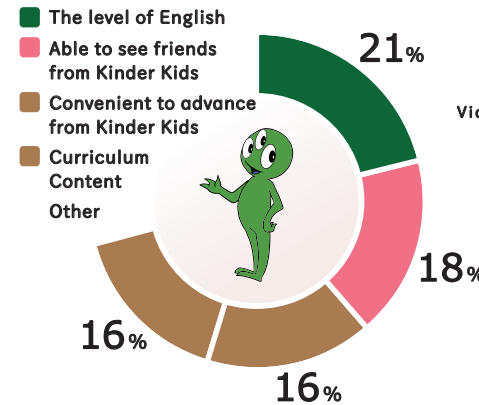
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Thank you to all our parents and guardians for filling out the survey and sharing your valuable requests and opinions. We aim to provide the best possible English education, and develop fun programs that Grad Club members want to participate in. All of your comments and thoughts are important to us, and we will use them to continue the development of the curriculum and future events.

Grad Club General Manager, Andy Usher

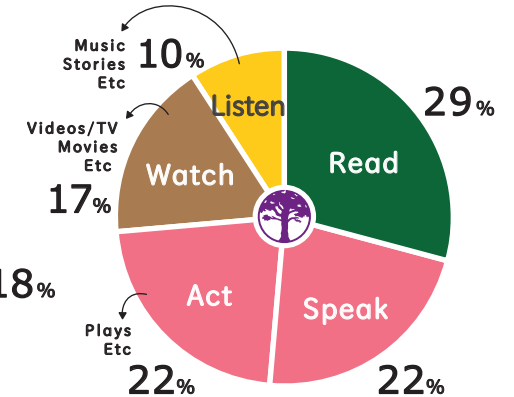
Q. Reason for choosing Grad Club



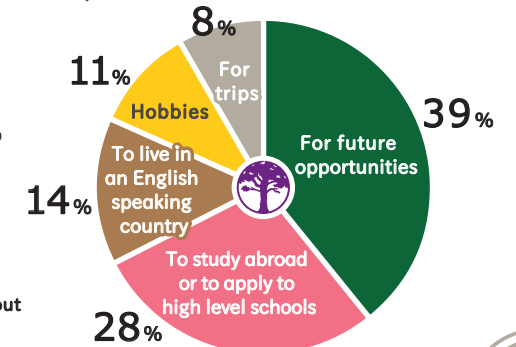
Top 3 motivations for English learning

- 55%** Have an academic goal and enjoy being a part of Grad Club
- 24%** Don't like studying but enjoys being able to see friends and teachers
- 15%** Don't study independently or take initiative so parents help out

Q. Topics focused on for better English language acquisition



What are your goals for English learning?



Staff Spotlight

Interview

Tokyo

School

Manager at Tokyo school
Eiko Iwasawa



Tokyo school 10th anniversary School garden renewal

Renewal!

Whenever a first-time visitor walks into Tokyo school, they are often very surprised at how spacious the school actually is. We want to provide a school environment where all the children are able to freely move around and focus on all of their possibilities and potential.

We believe that providing a learning environment where students can learn and grow surrounded by nature has a strong impact. Here at Tokyo school, we truly value the beauty of mother nature and all of the seasonal activities especially because we are located in the city where that is not always available. We also include outdoor activities in our curriculum because we want them to enjoy playing outside and expressing themselves.

This summer, we renovated the school garden and now our school playground has a new look! We are now able to provide even more fun outdoor activities that are appropriate to each grade level. Being involved in water play, mud-play, ↗

animal and plant observations, and athletics with their friends and teachers allows them to learn both English and liberal arts from personal experience.

Regardless of daycare or class time, we want the entire time at school to be spent productively. Each staff member is aware of their strengths and weaknesses and we all work together as a team and bring ideas to the table to manage school operations. Our goal is not to repeat exactly what we did yesterday. Our goal is to do the best we can today to deliver the best education and childcare for our students.

Our team is always supervising the children and on the lookout for any subtle changes. We want the parents to be able to consult us and depend on us about anything. The children's honest and pure feelings always give us energy and the parents and guardians support and encourage us during these unprecedented times.

It's been 11 years since the establishment of Tokyo school and its success wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the trust we have and the support we give one another.

Our goal is to help guide each and every child to a bright future and appreciate the relationships we have built.



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#Classroom



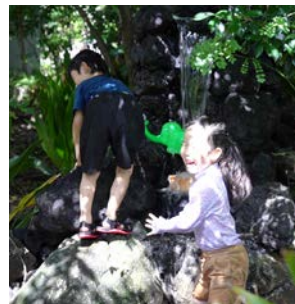
#Pond



#Playground



#Waterfall



#Garden



We've renewed the school garden to celebrate our 10th anniversary

We are always considering our program from the child's perspective, making efforts to provide the facilities and environment they need while making long term plans for the maintenance of every Kinder Kids school around the world.

These school buildings have been filled with so many memories, and in order to continue to use it with care, we have made major renovations to create a better environment.

The flooring has been replaced and the classrooms are now colorful. Parents said "the rooms are brighter than before" and "it feels great because it's new!"

We have received amazing feedback regarding the lush greenery beyond the large windows. A waterfall has been created at the edge of the garden where we have some trees. The waterfall flows through a wide, bright channel and merges with a large pond. We hope that our children will continue to grow and develop surrounded by nature.



My Stepping Stone



The starting point was Kinder Kids. Let us introduce a graduate who is taking on new challenges in the field he is passionate about.

**Passed the EIKEN (Level 1).
After enrolling in one of the nation's leading private junior high schools he joined the scientific research club!**



Grad Club Summer Camp



Junior high school science club



In the Kinder Class

Yao School
Graduates T.F
 Nara prefecture
 Private junior high school
 Sophomore

There was a message posted on the Kinder Kids Media page one day and it was from the mother of one of our graduates.

Her heartfelt message told the story of how her child passed EIKEN (level 1), and to this day, the learning experience he had at Kinder Kids contributes to his growth and development.

One of the most gratifying moments for us is when we hear about how our graduates are doing.

As we exchanged emails with his mother, we were able to feel her appreciation, thinking "I'm glad I let my son go to Kinder Kids."

Because of this, we decided to interview them! According to her, a school festival was just underway at the private junior high school that her son, T-kun, attends. T-kun, is a representative and ambassador of the school's organization, also made an appearance on the online school festival YouTube Channel! His school is said to be one of the most difficult schools to get into within the Kansai Region. He held his head high while he urged 4th and 5th grade students who were hoping to enter the school to find their own studying habits early on.

Unsurprisingly, his honest responses and word choices made a lasting impression and showcased his bilingual skills. He has a realistic view of the world and has a strong desire to contribute to society to make it a better place for everyone.

Regarding my own English skills

I can easily understand information from scientific journals and dramas from abroad, as I can in Japanese. My scores in English are always one of the best in class and my English skill is an advantage whether it's studying a subject or doing my favorite research.

My strengths

I am easily able to talk to, listen to, and connect with people I just met.

My Future Dream

I've recently been interested in jobs in the automotive industry. However, I'm still keeping in mind other jobs that will be in high demand in the future and its future prospects. I love science and I respect Albert Einstein for his scientific pursuits and accomplishments.

What I'm Passionate About

I am the leader of one of the groups in my science club. In addition to research and studying, I also organized a "science experiment class" at school festivals and field trips to show how fun and surprising science is.

I want to keep learning more about science. I hope that someday I can contribute with solutions to energy problems, especially power generation.

The progress of my research and club activities excites me and I am grateful to have been accepted into this school.

My Grad Club Years

After Class (G1-3)
Saturday Class (G1-4)
Summer Camp, Christmas Party
MC at Kinder Kids Events



From T-kun's mother The education that Kinder Kids provided continues to support my son's development to this day.

I often find that the lessons and experiences my son had at Kinder Kids and Grad Club has helped him now that he is in junior high school. For example, it has allowed him to expand his horizons at an early age, not only in English, but also in geography, the ecosystem, the arts, and science.

The countless Show & Tell lessons taught him how to build relationships, as he is now able to listen to and communicate his own thoughts and opinions to others. He went to public elementary school and until he had to focus on junior high school entrance exams, he studied at Grad Club to continue his English studies. The classes were also designed not only to strengthen his English skills, but also his cognitive and comprehension skills, which I believe helped him mature.

I wanted him to be in an educational environment that does not allow adults to dictate all the values but instead allows for him to make choices and believe in his possibilities. I believe in the infinite potential of my child and I enjoy raising him by respecting his opinions and seeing him grow every day.

Speech Contest by Grad Club

2020

5th time for the kanto Region!
9th time for the kansai Region!
It went off without a hitch!

The English Speech Contest held at the end of October, sponsored by the Grad Club, took place in Tokyo and Osaka, where 50 children took the stage and gave passionate speeches.

Thanks to the understanding and cooperation of everyone, we were able to successfully host the contest despite the restrictions and social distancing rules we had to follow. Students chose sentences from pre-selected topics or from their favorite stories for their speeches.

Remembering long sentences already is a difficult task but the students went beyond and also added their own style of expression when delivering their speeches.

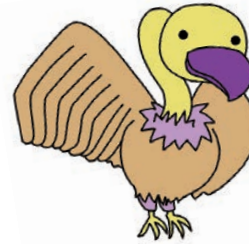
It is a rare and wonderful opportunity, where they can learn from one another's speech and inspire each other.

We look forward to seeing many more Grad Members on this stage next year!



Let's make a four-panel comic

By PHONICS GARDEN



Vacuuming Vulture

Welcome to the world of four-panel comics where we introduce everyone's favorite Phonics characters! Have fun with your family! Today, a kind hearted Vulture Boy, Vacuuming Vulture, makes his first appearance. When Vacuuming Vulture and Singing Snake are playing together they notice some sneaky squirrels, secretly working on something...

Acorns : どんぐり



Singing Snake



"Haha! See you!"

"Huh?"

"Let's collect them all!"

"Oh, Look! Acorns!"

Reference the back cover for dialogue examples