

草屯鎮新庄國民小学校 姚 Principal

Sorry for the late contact. Have there any changes?

It's getting colder in Shinjo City, and it's now winter. The first snow fell on December 14th. Below, is a picture of what Shinjo elementary look like now.

The clothes that the children wear are also winter clothes, that protect them from the cold.

From now on, it will be snow every day. There are only a few spots left for the second semester.

How are you ?

At Shinjo Elementary School,

we held a "Chorus Festival" on November 21st.

It is a traditional event at Shinjo Elementary School. The chorus was comprised of the 1st to 6th graders in the chorus club.

This year, due to the coronavirus, the event was conducted with a reduced audience. Beautiful harmony echoed throughout the venue on that day.

I attached a photo of the Chorus Festival below, so please have a look.

This time, we would like to let you about "Hometown Learning (Local Learning)" that we at Shinjo Elementary School are working on.

In Shinjo City, every school conducts "Hometown Learning" to raise children who love their community. They learn about the nature, culture, and people of Shinjo City.

And by rediscovering their roots, we help raise children who love Shinjo City.

First-year students learn about traditional local events and activities through interaction with locals.

Second graders visit various places in Shinjo and learn about the city they live in.

Third graders learn about the "Shinjo Festival," which is registered under UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Fourth graders learn about the culture of Shinjo City.

Fifth graders study the rivers that flow through the school district, and learn about environmental issues.

Sixth graders learn the history of Shinjo City.

This year, because of the coronavirus, We had few opportunities to go out and learn. However, I believe we at Shinjo elementary, have been able to successfully learn a lot about the wonderful city we live this year.

Now, we would like to let you know about "Shinjo City's Pride" that the 4th graders researched, so please have a look at the pictures titled "Kite of Onmyoji" and "Shinjo Higashiyama Pottery".

The first picture "Kite of Onmyoji" is a traditional kite that is said to have started 143 years ago. It is also one of the souvenirs of Shinjo City. As you can see in the



photo, the large "Kite of Onmyoji" is on display at Shinjo Station.

The other picture is "Shinjo Higashiyama Pottery". The Pottery is one of the many traditional crafts made in Shinjo City. It has a long history, and was started 191 years ago. The Pottery is glazed with a special blue color, and one can purchase cups, bowls, plates, and even vases.

There are many things we in Shinjo are prideful about. In groups, the 4th graders researched the many "Prides of Shinjo", including the "Shinjo Festival".

We will send you a tourist pamphlet of Shinjo City, so please have a look.

As the New Year approaches, my wish is that all of children will be healthy, and enjoy this year with a smile on their face.

I also hope that 2021 will be a good year for you all.

Around February, I would like to interact with my children online in simple English.

I would like to discuss how to do this later, so thank you.

We will contact you again in the new year.

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The kite of Onmyoi
in Shinjo Station

"Chorus Festival"



First grade



sixth grader



chorus club