

Month	Event	Description	Students partici- pation	Parents partici- pation	Parents obser- vation
Apr.	Inaugural Ceremony	Welcome ceremony for new teachers. At the start of the new school year.	○		
	Entrance Ceremony	Welcome ceremony for 1st years, guardians also participate.	○	1st graders	
	Meeting the first graders	Everyone meets the 1st graders and it gives the new students a chance to enjoy interaction with the whole student body for the first time.	○		
	Physical Measurement	Measurements of height, weight, seated height, vision, hearing.	○		
	Health checkup	Checkup to evaluate the general well-being of the student. This includes internal medicine, dentistry, eyes, ENT, urology, and a check for pinworms.	○		
May	Road Safety Class	Class to learn about how to ride a bicycle safely and road safety rules.	○		
	Excursion Outside Study	Study outside of the school. Study tours or excursions in the nature might be organized. In many cases children will have to bring their own lunch. There are schools that take the field trip in the fall and others that don't do it at all.	○		
June	Outdoor class	Study outside of the school and overnight in the place of study. Study amidst nature and learn how to work in groups and to cooperate with friends. Participating grades might vary according to schools.	○		
	Marathon	Compete with others by running a set long distance. Some schools hold this even in the fall and others that do not hold this event.	○		○
	Sumo	Competitions of Japan's traditional sport, Sumo. Some schools do not hold this event.	○		○
	Swimming	Swimming lessons start after June. Students improve their swimming ability in the school's swimming pool.	○		
	Summer Vacation				
Aug.	Swimming Trials	Trials to beat personal records and cheer on others.	○		○
Sep.	Sports Day	Competition involving physical activities, races and teamwork. Some schools have Sports Day in spring.	○	○	○

Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar.	School Trip	School trip outside of the prefecture for the 6th graders. This trip is to learn about the history and culture of the area visited. This event strengthens the bonds of friendship and remains a very happy memory over time. Some schools have School Trips in spring.	○		
	Study Report	Presentation of studies done in front of families and people from the neighborhood.	○		○
	Winter Vacation				
	New Year's Calligraphy	Students from lower grades write calligraphy with pencils for the start of the new year. Students from higher grades use brushes.	○		
	Ski Class Snow School	1st and 2nd graders ride sleighs and tubes or use cross country skis to explore the surrounding nature. 3rd graders and above learn how to ski in ski resorts. Participating grades might vary according to schools.	○		
	Completion Ceremony	Ceremony to recognize the completion of one year of study	○		
	Graduation Ceremony	6th graders who have completed their studies will receive a Graduation Diploma. All of the school's students and the parents of the 6th graders are expected to attend. (Graduating students often wear the school uniform from the junior high school they will be attending to the ceremony.)	○	6th graders	
	Spring Vacation				
	Teacher Farewell Ceremony	Ceremony to say goodbye to the teachers who have taken care of the students.	○		