

Kougai Elementary School

At the first day of visiting at Kougai elementary school, Maria, who was one of American elementary school teachers, stood up in front of the students of 3rd grade with catching their attentions. After she introduced herself, they actively asked her a lot of questions about herself such as “What’s your favorite sport?”, “What’s your favorite fruit?” and “Do you think Japan win in this year’s Soccer World Cup” After that, it was the time of the students’ self-introduction. They individually did introduce themselves to her. One of the students tried to introduce herself in English. Then, they played Musical chairs game together. Maria looked like she really enjoyed it with students.

Next, they introduced the town around Kougai elementary school to all the American teachers. One of the students challenged to explain it in English. Then they taught a Japanese hand game to American teachers. They run up to American teachers and played it with singing “Yankee Doodle” and “Tangerine Hill”. They enjoyed playing it with students.

After finishing lunch time, students started to clean up the school. The American teachers asked questions like “How do they share this work?” and “Do they clean up rooms except a class room and corridor?”

After school, students of the higher grades gathered up for committee activities. American teachers looked around it. One of the committees was searching the children’s play around the world. American teachers invited students and played “red light, green light” together.

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