



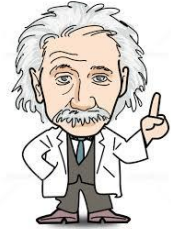
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Learning Attitude

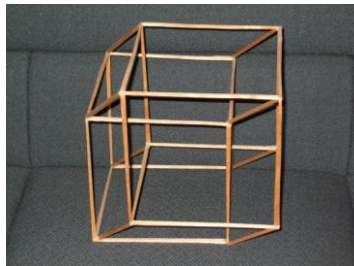
From time to time, I talk to children about their "attitude toward learning." It is essential for the mind to be engaged in order to learn.

There was a man named Einstein, the greatest scientist of the 20th century. He told us this at the time. "The more you learn, the more you realize that you know nothing. The more you realize, the more you want to learn." This is precisely the attitude of learning.



How can we motivate children to learn, or how can we motivate children to learn themselves? This is where I feel the true responsibility and pleasure of adults, including teachers and parents, in educating children.

Doraemon's Pocket



When I was working in Japan, I once told my students the following story. A square on a plane is a cube in space. Then, what kind of figure would it be in the 4-dimensional space of Doraemon's pocket? The students' eyes seemed to sparkle for a moment! "I have brought that figure here with me. You may only see it once in your life, so take a good look at it," I said, and I suddenly took out an object and held it in front of the students. Then they looked at me with a gaze that seemed to devour it. They must have sensed something. A moment of silence passed. Finally, I said, "If you study hard, you will understand why the object is like this. It is important to keep thinking deeply about things. If you are interested and would like to listen to more of my talk, please come to the principal's office later," I said. Five students asked me! I was so impressed and happy that I forgot about myself and explained to them.

How will you use your time during the summer vacation?

Summer vacation is finally here, and it seems like the first semester has passed before we knew it. It's like the saying goes, "Time flies like an arrow." It seems that as we get older, time seems to pass more and more quickly. According to one theory, a one-year-old baby feels $1/1$ (one-first) of a year lived, while a five-year-old infant feels $1/5$ (one-fifth) of a year. Thus, a 40-year-old feels that a year is $1/40$ (one fortieth) of a year. I see. Then, for me, a 60-year-old, a year is like a year that exists but does not exist.



The same logic applies to summer vacation. The first day is $1/1$, but the last day feels like $1/23$ (the current year). I hope that the children will have a meaningful summer vacation. They should follow the rhythm of life, value their time, have various experiences, play happily, and learn with interest. However, I also want them to remember to work hard and accomplish what

they need to do. I want to make sure that the children are aware of this. I ask for the cooperation of all parents and guardians during the summer vacation.