Advance

Building Confidence

There's a great energy in the air this week as we get ready for the upcoming Sports Festival! I've especially enjoyed watching you all practice your grade-level dance, and I wanted to share a few thoughts on it.

First, I was really happy you chose "Galway Girl" for your music. It's a fun song, and it's great to see you all embracing a song in English. I was even more impressed with how you have brought your own creativity to it by adding some Irish-style dancing into the routine. It looks fantastic.

What I've enjoyed most, though, is watching your progress. I know that at the beginning some of you were nervous about dancing in front of everyone, but I've seen how you've practiced and supported each other, and now the atmosphere is so positive. It's wonderful to see everyone participating and having a good time with it.

I hope your parents can see not just the final dance, but a little bit of the hard work and teamwork that went into making it happen.

Expo Reflection

Although it already feels like it happened a long time ago, I also want to talk briefly about our trip to the Osaka Expo. For the English part of the trip, your mission was to find and interview a foreigner. I know that's quite a challenge, so I was really happy when so many of you came to tell me that you had completed your interview.

I think the Expo as a whole was a great chance for you to develop your understanding of the international world and see how you can be a part of it.



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