

UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network

Sayada elementary school

1030 Sayada, Kumagaya-City, Saitama Japan
Sayada elementary school was founded in 1989.

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We are performing activity for propagating the prefecture-specified natural monument.

Sayada's students are bright and gentle, so they enjoy school life every day. This school is bringing up students being diligent kind, has compassionate, and healthy. The watchword of the school is "By training mind and body, let's acquire wisdom and knowledge!"

We have bred the fish "Musashitomiyo, Pungitius sp" the symbol fish of Saitama Prefecture.

October 25, 2008 we are carrying out the over-summer survey with the cooperation of the board of education and related various groups. We are obtaining a delightful fact that 20 fish increase to 371 fish in this year. We had a hard time performing the survey, because that summer was intensively hot. But the results surpassed the expectation. We released many of the fish into Motoarakawa River, and started a new activity for the following survey.

We will be promoting wide environmental education, through the protection of the fish.



Tomio Pond in Sayada School

And, we have the song that encourages protection of the fish. The name "What we can do."

I hadn't known
A Small river in suburbs, The Motoarakawa River
Providing cool and clear water
Water is cool and pure in
Sunlight glitting in the surface.
And water plants gently raising fish's life with the flow.

I notice such a true face of the river just now.
Let's protect nature in Motoarakawa River.
Let's think about what we can do.

Now, I know you were born here.

Musashitomiyo, your river is so beautiful.
You had been alive before in various rivers.
You are quietly alive now only in Motoarakawa River.

Let's protect Musashitomiyo's life.
Let's begin what we can do.

Let's protect nature in our towns.
Let's begin what we can do now.

Writing the above song: Nakamura Tomoko

We are proud of protection of the fish.

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