

## Kamokita School-Excursion Report

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**T**hird-year students went to Kurashiki. In the preserved area, there were rows of old houses and streets. We were able to enjoy the classic atmosphere of the town. Unfortunately, it was raining so we couldn't see much around Kurashiki, we were able to see many small canals and bridges. There were willows along the river.



Kurashiki is where the folk tales called "Momotaro" or "Peach Boy." In the story, Momotaro gave kibidango to a monkey, a dog, and a bird and went to an Evil island to fight with evil. Kurashiki is also a birthplace of jeans in Japan. It started in 1960. Some tourists enjoy looking at and buying jeans as

well.

Kurashiki has some specialty foods, such as rice crackers, soft ice cream, and kibidango. Kibidango is a popular souvenir, and it is made of starch syrup, glutinous rice, and sugar.

**S**econd-year students went to Mirokunosato Amusement Park. The park is located in a forest. The view was beautiful. The weather was not very good, but we felt a nice fresh wind. This park has a variety of rides and a hot spring as well. There is a traditional Japanese village as well. The park was built 25 years ago and it celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



The staff members who took care of the rides looked very busy, but they were very kind. There were many snack areas and we enjoyed eating curry, ice cream, and so on. I tried many kinds of foods and ate too much before dinner.

**F**irst-year students climbed Mt. Itanabe, which is located in forest like the Okinawa oasis. Fog was seen between trees and it was a pure white scenery. From the top, the town of Toyosaka was overlooked 360 degrees. The height of Mt. Itanabe is 757 m. It was named Itanabe in 1990. I climbed the mountain talking with my friend. I had lunch talking with my friend. We didn't have time to pick up garbage, because it rained. We had a very nice time in the mountain.



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