

French practice at extra-curricular activities: The case of Gyosei Elementary School

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Gyosei Elementary School gives students the opportunity to study French, particularly in the Stella French Club, as extra-curricular activities. In order to continuously improve itself, the Stella attempts to actively collaborate with several other institutions, such as Shirayuri Gakuen Elementary School and the French Institute of Tokyo. This report shows some of the plans and practices at the Stella, and the merits for children's development that take place by becoming familiar with French language and culture. The author finalizes by expressing her strong wishes to continue these practices, with the aim of keeping alive French education as one of various traditions and characteristics of the school.