



大森みのり幼稚園 東京都大田区
Omori Minori Kindergarten [Ota-ku, Tokyo]



緑の風を全身に感じる都会の一角

そこは子どもの育ちを見守り、変化し続ける豊かな森

園長 藤澤光徳先生、副園長 藤澤普子先生のお話から

「たくさん体を動かすことができ、たくさん感性を磨くことのできる、子ども達が目を輝かせる場所にするために、熱意と工夫で、もっともっと園舎も園庭も、子ども達の好奇心を満足させる遊び場にしたい」といつも考えている園長先生。

そして幼稚園のあらゆるスペースが、保育にどう活用できるかが検討され、大型木製遊具を中心とした「アスレチック広場」、水と砂に思う存分ふれられる「びっくり山とこもれびデッキ」、新たな身のこなしを経験できる「ふたつ山と忍者山」、芝の緑が美しい「みどりの広場」と、たくさんの素敵な遊び場が生まれてきました。

最初に手掛けた創立50周年を記念してできた「アスレチック広場」は、「もったいない」の精神で既存の遊具に木のぬくもりを増やしてリニューアルし、屋根を付けて隠れ家をつくり、「鳥の巣」を経由した吊り橋と「山のぼりスロープ」の完成で、園舎とつながった大きな回遊性と挑戦意欲をかきたてる大立体遊空間になりました。他の園庭もつくり込むほどに、それぞれの特徴が際立ってきています。そしてどの園庭でも、子ども達はびっくりするほどの挑戦意欲をもち、いろんな遊びを創造し、自分のやりたいことと居場所を見つけられた笑顔でいっぱいです。

さらに「自分自身も園庭の緑に癒される」と園長先生が語られているとおり、シンボルとなる大きな大きなイチョウの木を始め、多くの木々と草花、そしてさまざまな種類の実りが表現する四季の変化によって彩られ、そこに暮らすものすべてに潤いを与えています。

大森みのり幼稚園の門は、一歩くぐると都会の喧騒が消え、子ども達が「体はたくましく、感性は鋭く、頭脳は賢く」育つ場所への入り口です。

At a corner of the city where we feel nature's breeze with our entire body. An ever-changing forest watches over individual children's growth.

Interview with Mitsunori Fujisawa (Principal) and Hiroko Fujisawa (Vice-principal)

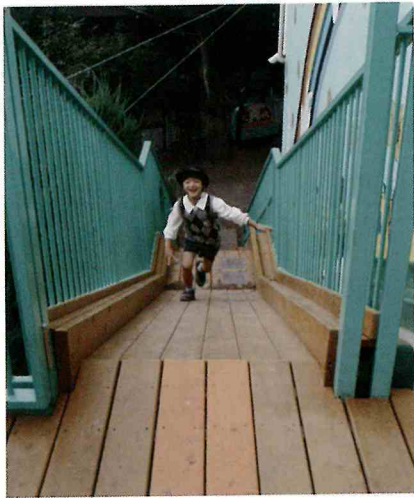
Principal Fujisawa is constantly considering improvements to the playgarden and school building. He said, "I want to create a playgarden where children can move their bodies freely, develop their sensitivities, and be excited about being outside. Our school should be a place that satisfies the children's curiosity."

They considered the entire school site with an eye toward ideal use for the children's development. Through discussions, they designed attractive spots such as the Athletic Square, which features large wooden equipment, Surprise Mountain & Sunshine Deck, where children enjoy playing with water and sand, Twin Peaks & Ninja Mountain, where children can experience new ways of moving their bodies, and Green Square with its beautiful green lawn.

Their first project was Athletic Square, which commemorated the school's 50th anniversary. Reusing existing equipment, they added wooden material and placed a roof to make a hideout. They also made a suspension bridge via a bird's nest, and a mountain climbing slope, which creates a large circuit connected to the school building, to encourage the children to explore and grow. Other spots have become distinctive as they were improved. The common thread in the design is that it encourages the children to explore the new, create a wide variety of activities, and feel the joy of discovery.

As the principal said, "I am also calmed by the verdure of the playgarden," there are many trees such as a large symbolic ginkgo tree, flowers, plants, and fruit in the playgarden. They show the children and teachers the beauty of the seasonal changes and create a comfortable environment.

When we enter the gate of Omori Minoru Kindergarten, we are separated from the noise of the big city and nestled in an oasis where children can exercise, develop their sensitivities, and grow.



山のぼりスロープ / Mountain Climbing Slope



鳥の巣 / Bird's Nest

「アスレチック広場」ができるまで / Background of the Athletic Square



以前の園庭：既存の鉄製遊具 / Former Playgarden: Existing iron playgarden equipment



木製の要素を取り入れてリニューアル / Remodeling with the incorporation of wooden elements.



屋根裏部屋を追加 / Adding an attic.



園舎とつながり、回遊性のある大きな遊びの空間ができた / Connected to the garden building, a great circuit of playgarden activities is created.

土や水や風、草木や木々や実り、そしていろんな生きものとふれあう場所 Encounter soil, water, wind, plants, trees, fruit, and many forms of life



びっくり山とこもれびデッキ / Surprise Mountain and Sunshine Deck

「今の子は整備されたところしか歩いていないことが多いでしょ。だからバランスを崩したり、ぬかるみに足をとられたり、滑り落ちそうになってヒヤリとする、そういう微妙な身体感覚の体験をすることが、小さい子ども達にとっては本当に大切なことだと思うの」と語るのは副園長先生。

山砂をたっぷり盛り、ガチャポンプで水流れをつくり出すこの砂山では、地面の凹凸に合わせた柔軟な身のこなしを鍛え、掘る・埋める・形を変えるなどの新しい遊びを発想し、発見している子ども達。その時のびっくりした時の感性を大切に、遊び込んでほしいという想いから「びっくり山」と名付けられました。

Vice-principal Hiroko Fujisawa said, "Children growing in urban environments have few opportunities to experience nature, opportunities to develop their strength and agility through playtime activities."

At this sand mountain, water flows from the Gacha Pump and many forms of life can be seen. Children develop physical agility by negotiating the irregular surface of the ground, discover new activities such as digging and molding shapes. This play spot was named "Surprise Mountain." It is a place where children can experience the feeling of surprise and excitement as they play to their heart's content.