

Learning Trip to Japan Testimonial

Words alone cannot describe the memorable cultural experiences and friendships that were established and gained by students and chaperones through this learning trip to Japan.

From navigating the subway and rail transportation as a travel group to the one-night home stay for our students, these experiences will be forever etched in our memory for a lifetime.

The friendships and partnerships that were initiated will foster lifelong relationships that will develop into relationships that will develop into greater cultural understandings, compassion and empathy for our different cultures and countries.

These types of partnerships and relationships can only be fostered through this type of “Learning Trip” that focuses on not only the visitation of “tourist sites” but also on the learning and “integration of cultural differences and experiences.” These experiences were the most important component that made this learning trip to Japan so very memorable and rewarding for everyone. It was extremely satisfying to see our students learn and experience Japanese culture and establish relationships and friendships with students and adults from a different culture.

I am so very grateful and appreciative for this opportunity to be a chaperone for this learning trip to Japan. I have been a chaperone on several student travel experiences but none can compare to the wonderful experiences and opportunities I had on this trip to Japan with this group of students and fellow chaperones.

For our chaperones including myself, it was also nice to see our students develop in a short time a sense of responsibility, teamwork, maturity, kindness and compassion for each other including their chaperones that will be life changing experiences. These experiences and opportunities that cannot be learned solely from experiences and teachings in the “classroom.” The “classroom” for these students and chaperones was the amazing experiences and opportunities that “we” all were able to experience on this memorable trip to Japan.

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