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Hello every one.　My name is Tsukasa Sasaki.　I would like to make a speech about being a Children‘s Supporter.

**Introduction**:

7 years ago, I retired after working at various companies for 40 years. Retirement is said to be the ultimate goal and I agreed with this goal, so, I worked towards a future where I could relax during my retirement. For about 3 years, I treated every day as if it were Sunday. （Yes, so-called "Every Day is Sunday“）. However, after 3 years of this, I began to wonder if I was truly satisfied.

Under such circumstances, I found an article in the city's public relations magazine that said they were looking for people who were willing to work , interested in the education of children and wanted to contribute to society. The position required cooperating with school teachers and providing support for children with additional needs. specifically in these areas: Daily life tasks to establish basic lifestyle habits and　 Learning support for children with disabilities.

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The first child I was charge of had behavioral problems including being disruptive during class, not preparing for class to begin and ignoring the teacher. I initially thought that if I was attentive, behavior could be improved, but I soon found out it wasn’t as easy as I thought. Even if I stopped the behavior, he would begin again immediately.

After that I began to think that it would be better if I could understand the child more, nurture his good behavior and sustain it. And so, if child was able to something well, I would praise him on the spot. This made my relationship with the child smoother and his behavior began to gradually improve.

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One day, there was a child who cried in the corridor in a loud voice. I went to him and asked him why he cried. He said that ” I want to go home and see my mother”. I went to the classroom with him together hand in hand. And, he stopped crying after a short time. It seems that he felt lonely and I thought he wanted someone who stayed with him.

**Body③**

Through my interactions with children in elementary school, I have been able to learn many things that are different from my company life.

First of all, it is necessary to build a relationship of trust and create (rapport) with the children. It is not possible to provide support without trusting relationships. Children in need of support cannot do as they want in various situations and, tend to have a lot of experiences that make them feel negative about themselves. So, at first, we need to be careful to reduce failure as much as possible.

Some children lack self-confidence, so, we need to give them reassurance. It is important to have various success experiences and to have confidence. In the course of a successful experience, we should think together about how to solve the failure experience.

**Conclusion：**

Children with complex family environments, including single parent households, require extra care and attention, and need to be shown love, even a little. I feel happy when the children I teach say thank you. It is a great pleasure to be involved in the education of the children who will be responsible for the future, and I am happy feeling that I am contributing to society. Retirement is not the only goal; from there a new start begins again. I am ,and always will be ,a supporter for our children.

Thank you.